Three die as mid-air blast rocks TWA jet

Three passengers on a TWA fore they boarded the plane at Boeing 727 airliner, one a Rome". child, were killed over Greece yesterday when a mid-air explosion ripped a large hole in the fuselage and caused their bodies to be sucked out. Another child passenger was reported missing.

The bodies were found on the ground. Three other pasers were admitted to hospital but their injuries were said not to be serious.

The airliner, carrying 114 passengers and a crew of seven, was on a regular flight from Rome to Cairo via Athens. Thirty minutes before landing time, the pilot alerted Athens control tower that there had been an explosion while the 727 was flying at 11,000 ft above the city of Argos, 87 miles south-west of

The bodies of a man identified as Alberto Stino, a Colombian, a woman and a child, both unidentified, were discovered near Argos airfield after a shepherd told the police he had seen objects falling from the plane. A search for the possible fourth victim

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Mr Dennis Taylor, the TWA pilot, managed to land at Athens airport at 12.35 GMT. Seven passengers were taken to hospital but only three were detained for treatment. One is an American, Mrs Myrtle Simpson from Los Angeles. The other two are a Saudi couple who said they had been sitting next to the Colombian passenger who

was killed. A Greek Foreign Ministry. spokesman said the blast was believed to have been caused by an explosive device "con-cealed in the band luggage of a passenger". ... I-ne. spox said "passengers testified that their hand luggage was given American, said: "No one

In Rome it was said that only the luggage of the 10 passengers who had boarded the flight there was checked. Earlier it had been stated that the explosion had occurred between the cargo com-partment and the passenger area. It caused a hole 6ft by 3ft wide on the fuselage

starboard.
Airline officials said that the plane would have disintegrated if the explosion had occurred while it was flying at its usual cruising altitude of 22,000 ft.

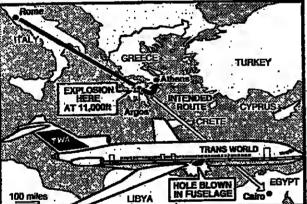
The airliner, TWA flight 847, was on the same route as the plane of the same compa-ny which was hijacked by Shia gunmen in June last year after taking off from Athens for Rome, It was then diverted to Algiers and one passenger, a US Navy diver, was killed by the hijackers.

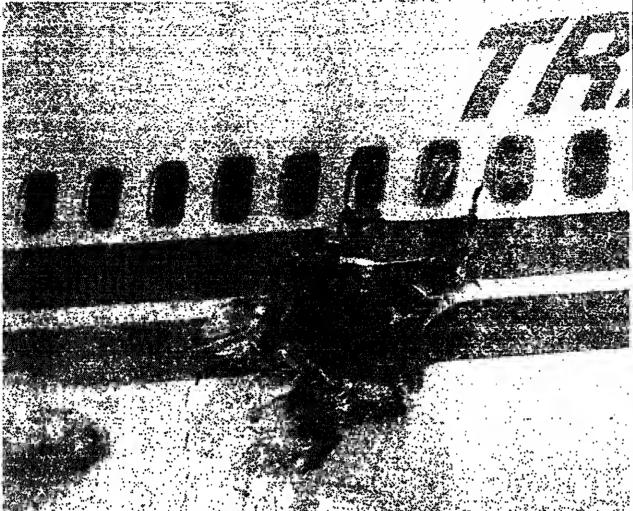
One woman passenger es-caped the hlast because she left her seat only minutes earlier to go to the lavatory. Mrs Florentia Haniotakis, a Greek-American from Ohio travelling with her two small children, told Reuters she had been sitting next to the spot where the explosion

She praised the seven-member crew and said they had comforted passengers during the emergency landing Everyone grabbed their oxygen masks and the crew assured us we would be all right, she said.

Mr. Paul Sutherland, an American executive with the Bank of America in Greece,

only a cursory inspection be- ... Continued on page 16, col 3





The hole ripped in the TWA airliner's fuselage by the explosion and through which the passengers were sucked

Praise for pilot who flew on

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

Flying and landing a Boeing 727 with a 10 foot hole io its side was "a very good piece of airmanship" by the TWA pilot, according to Captain Mike Clarke, president of the British Airline Pilots'

Association. "The sadness of the loss of life seems to have been con-tained in the initial seconds, and to have concluded the trip without any further complications suggests a very good piece of pilotiog", Capt Clarke said last night.

The immediate problem afsaid be heard a big noise and, ter the explosion would be saw the aircraft cabin fill with, decompression and lack of haze, oxygen; flight crew would use Another passenger, Mrs oxygen and go down to a Cora Shinjaku, a Japanese height where passengers could breathe normally.

A gaping hole in the side of the fuselage would interfere with airflow and the aircraft's handling qualities in an unpredictable way. But a greater hazard would be loss of hydrautic systems controlling flaps, slats and rudder, which would require emergency action by flight crew.

Normally there are three separate systems and loss of one or two (clearly all three were not lost) would involve delay in activating controls.

It was apparently lucky that
the explosive device was close to the side of the aircraft, which meant that much of the

City shrugs off gloom as oil climbs past \$10

By David Smith and Teresa Poole

moved confidently upwards International Petroleum Exyesterday, shrugging off con-cern about the collapse in oil The price of oil moved back

above \$10 a barrel, but the outlook remains uncertain. Share prices soared to record levels, the Financial Times 30-share index closing

17.2 points up at 1419.4. The wider FTSE 100-share index moved above the 1700 level, showing a gain of 18.9 points on the day at 1702.9.

cuss the stabilization of the oil market when he arrives in Saudi Arabia on Saturday on the first leg of a four-nation visit to the Gulf.

He said:"I think it is essential that we talk about stability and that we not just have a continued free fall like a parachutist jumping out with-

out a parachute." But Mr Bush said he would not tell the Saudis to cut production

Gains of up to \$1.50 a barrel were reported for Brent, the crude, but dealers said the market was very thin and nervous.

As oil prices rebounded, taking their lead from late



from oil price plunge

decline further after the recent Share prices and the pound trading in New York, the slide in the oil price to \$10 a change io London was forced ported a continuing downward trend, with one indostry offifor the first time to suspend dealings for a second cial describing the scene as a

successive day.

The pound rose by half a ceot to \$1.4735 against a generally firm dollar, and also posted good gains against other currencies, including a six plennig rise to DM3.4877 175p, hut regional variations across the country mean a wide spread from below 160p to more than 180p. lu some areas competition on the against the German mark. The

sterling index rose 0.7 points to 76.5. Despite the weakness of oil The price of North Sea oil prices in recent weeks, the rallied on news that the American Vice-President, Mr Britaio's gold and foreign ish, planned to dis- currency reserves last month. The underlying rise in re-

serves, of \$278 million (£189 million), was the biggest monthly increase since January 1981. The actual rise was a much larger \$2.94 billion, mainly because of the annual revaluation of reserves.

As a result. Britain's re-serves stood at \$18,750 million (£12,686 million) at the end of last month, their highest level since March 1982. The renewed rise in share

prices reflects the belief that the benefits of lower oil prices most widely traded North Sea more than outweigh any worries about the effects on the US banking system. International bodies, in-

cluding the Paris-based Orga-nization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the International Monetary Fund in Washington. believe that the fall in oil prices will bring about stronger world growth without inflation.

The International Monetary Fund, in its World Economic Outlook, to be published next week, expects 3 per cent world growth this year. Its earlier forecast was for a 2.8 per cent expansion.

For Britain, the London Business School expects the oil price fall to be reflected in a lower rate of inflation next year, 2.5 per cent, than growth in output, forecast at 3.2 per

Pressure for pact, page 17

lifts ban on Mrs Mandela From Michael Hornshy

The wife of Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of to her home in Soweto after plans to introduce a new the government lifted all restrictions on her movements for the first time in 10 years.

into her garden: "I am grateful home, and it is not any particular step towards a change in the government's

Mrs Mandela said it was quite obvious to her now that the government had never intented to release her husband from jail. It had merely given that impression "io hoodwink the world into believing that (it) was moving lowards some kind of a re-

formisi programme". Mr İsmail Ayob, Mrs Mandela's lawyer, said he was iold by the state attorney representing Mr Louis Le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, that the government was no longer contesting Mrs Mandela's appeal against her "banning" order, which, among other things, prohibit-

ed her from entering Soweto.

The effects of that is that she is unbanned but she remains silenced because of the ban on all meetings in the country and because she is still a listed person," Mr Ayob told The Times.

Petrol set

for further

price fall

By Teresa Poole

Petrol prices are set to

Oil companies yesterday re-

The average price of a

allon of four-star is now

forecourts has already eroded

the 7.5p duty increase imposed

the spot market price of \$10 a

barrel works its way through the system and the exchange

rate remains stable, then we

would expect to see competi-

tion increasing and petrol

The price could only drop

according the Mobil, which

this week lowered its reference

price to match the 179.6p

maximum set by Esso, BP,

The fall in the crude oil

price is likely to hring renewed

government pressure on the oil

companies to pass on the benefits of cheaper oil to

consumers. After the hudget,

the Chancellor criticized the

crude because oil is priced in

Sterling has held its ground against the dollar in spite of the sharp decline of oil prices

over the past four months which means that cheaper oil

is aow working its wny through the refinery system,

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both the Prime Minister and

prices coming down."

and Shell.

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in last month's budget.

Aberdeen fears

Leading article

"controlled plummet".

Mrs Mandela has been subject to banning orders of one kind or another almost continuously since 1962. In 1974 she was jailed for six months

In May 1977, Mrs Mandela was banished to a black township near Brandfort, a small rural town in the Orange Free State. Last December, however, the government can-celled the banishment and relaxed some of the other

restrictions on her. Under the modified ban, she was free to live in any black area outside the Johannesburg and Roodepoort mag-isterial districts, which include Soweto. She was also permit-A spokesman for Esso said: The trend in the past few ted to attend social hut not political gatherings,

days has been downwards. If The state's decision to abandon its case against Mrs Mandela appears to be a direct result of a ruling last month by the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein which, in effect, required the Minister of Law and Order to give fuller rea-

> orders.
> Meanwhile, Bishop Desmond Tutu yesterday called on the international community to impose "punitive sanc-tions against this government to help us establish a new South Africa: non-racial, democratic, participatory and

> sons for imposing banning

vote to defy new

thrown into further chao: yesterday when the higgest leachers' union voted to coutinue to teach O level and CSE the outlawed African National Congress, yesterday returned ance of the Government's examinatino for popils aged

or the first time in 10 years.

A defiant Mrs Winnie the National Union of Teach-Mandela told a crowd of ers at their annual conference oewsmen. neighbours and in Blackpool was taken in well-wishers who crammed secret session and in oppositinn to the NUT leadership into ner garden. Fam grateful which argoed that the move to no one, it is my right to be at world alienate parents at a time when the nnions needed them. It might also place the nnion's members in breach of contract.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary

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Science, responded swiftly to the decision. He said the new GCSE examination would still go ahead as planned in the interests of raising standards. Sir Keith said: "Teachers have made much of their wish to win more sympathy from pareots. Pupils who start their fourth year of education this autumn have the right to be taught for the new exam. Teaching them for ao exam which does not exist in the summer of 1988 will damage them during a vital period in

their school careers."
The rebellion by NUT delegates comes after the decision by the second higgest teachers' union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, to continne to boycott the development work for the new examination. But the NAS/UWT is committed ooly to boycotting the preparation phase and not the

examination's introduction. The NUT's motion pledges the union not only to continuing the boycott of preparation and training, but also to continue teaching existing syllabuses until it is satisfied that the new examination is "adequately planned and funded".

In a brief public session in Blackpool, Mrs June Fisher, an NUT executive member. was boosed when she commented that Sir Keith would not defer the September introduction of the GCSE.

She said: There are teachers genuinely concerned for the children who are going to be facing the new syllabuses in g Septe Those colleagues do not want to see their children disadvantaged."
Mr Fred Jarvis, general

secretary of the NUT, said:"It demonstrates the strength of feeling of many of our members in the schools."

The NUT's leaders are to seek an urgent meeting with Sir Keith to urge a ooe year postponement and to ask for the extra £100 million which they say is needed for the introduction of the new examinatioo.

School violence, page 2

Tomorrow

A child in danger



When does a parent's carelessness become neglect?

Law Society finals

Full winter examination results

The £4,000 prize is yesterday's Times Portfolio competition, double the usual amount because there was no winner the previous day, was shared by two readers, Mr P O Holloway of Chandler's Ford, Hants, and Mr Derek Long, of Brighton, Sussex. Portfolio list page 22; how to play, information service, page 16.

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Loyalists attack homes of police From Richard Ford, Belfast

Roman Catholic houses and decisions. chapels were attacked by hard-

is being used politically to enforce the agreement.
The Royal Ulster Constabulary said that in the last month

forced to move home because of intimidation. at a meeting between the ing which 148 plastic bullets police federation, which repre- were fired at loyalist rioters, sents rank and file officers, have infuriated many Protesand Sir John Hermon, Chief tants. There have been loud

trieve their money.

intimidated and 11 officers and their families had been The attacks were discussed

The bomes of police and implement politically-based line "loyalists" yesterday, in Northern Ireland Police Au-an ominous development of thority to give them a detailed

Irish agreement.

The attacks on police homes is part of an insidious camer of the Official Unionist er of the Off "outrageous attacks on policemen and their families, 10gether with indiscriminale destruction of property". He 43 police officers had been gave a warning that Ulster would be reduced to "anarchy and ruin" if loyalists allowed

fodder.

blast would go outwards.

Later Sir John met the the protests against the Anglolrish agreement.

account of events at the weekend.

themselves to be used as not

Events in Portadown, dnr-Constable of the RUC. Feder- protests at the alleged indisatioo representatives ex- criminate use of plastic bullets pressed the concern of officers and in their fury loyalists have BL's preliminary results that they were being used to Continued on page 2, col 6 show that the group's turnover

Motorists begin to benefit cent.

oil industry for passing on the full duty increase to the A new guide to our **Rent Review and** The price of crude accounts for about 36p of the cost of a galloo of four-star, but any weakness in sterling can wipe out the impact of cheaper

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BL loss soars by 50% to £110m By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

operating loss of £39.5 million for 1985 was a "significant

BL yesterday announced was £3.415 million, up from pretax losses for 1985 of 1984's £2.955 million, with £110.3 millioo, a 50 per cent exports totalling £764 million, increase ou 1984 losses. But Land Rover, the privatization candidate, saw its profits leap from £2 million to £10 million.

interest and extraordinary items, was £138 million. The 1984 profit of £80.6 million was distorted by the proceeds BL's preliminary results from the sale of Jaguar.

reduction" from the 1984 loss of £66.5 million, the directors BL's overall loss, after tax, Land Rover was helped last year by good results from Freight Rover, Letters, page 13

Report, page 17 Kidnap fears grow for two Britons

Fears were growing vesterday that two British teachers missing in Beirut may have been kidnapped. The British Embassy said its efforts to locate them had produced no

Mr Leigh Douglas, aged 34. teacher at the American University of Beirut, and Mr Philip Padfield, aged 40, director of the city's loternational Language Centre, were last seen on Friday night leaving a public house

Fears for Britons, page S

Dutch round off small war in Scillies By Patricia Clough

Tromp ordered the island-parted without firing a shot.

Mr Junkheer Rein Huydecoper, the Dutch Amers, who were the last Royalbassador in London, will set ists holding out at the end of out for the Isles of Scilly shortly to declare peace after a war which has been raging unnoticed for 335 years.

The hostilities to which he will put an end began in 1651
when the Dutch, angry at the way the Scilly pirates were plundering the ships on their plundering the ships on their miral Blake, who said that he could seek out the islanders. East India route, sent 12 men-could sort out the islanders of-war under Admiral Tromp to quell the pirates and re-

the Civil War, to surrender. They refused, whereupon he

without Dutch help.

The Dutch Foreign Ministry, searching through dusty documents, found that the islanders were right. It is despatching the Ambassador to the islands some time in the So it was that Tromp de-next few weeks, with a docu-

Peace was settled later be-

tween England and The Neth-

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nbout the Scillies until the

islands' council noticed that

their own particular war had

never formally ended.

ment stating that the war is

Mr Ray Duncan, chairman of the islands council, said: "The Ambassador will be explaining to the council that although the war between Holland and Britain ended after the signing of a peace treaty, the position regarding the Scillies is unclear.

"The Dutch authorities are having a document prepared no the moment which will bring hostilities to an end."

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent The sale of County Hall, has inherited planning powers from the GLC, wilt also have a say in deciding the fate of

a unique site worldwide."

1,200 rooms. 1.2 miltion

throne-like chairman's seat.

have been transferred to bor-

ough councils, but the Residu-

ary Body is expected to sell

about 4.000, including many

award-winning shopping mall

in old Covent Garden and the

Shell centre near County Hall.

become a substantial ratepay-er and will soon face a bill for

well over £3 million from the

Labour-led Lambeth Borough

Council for rates on County Hall and the former GLC

office blocks between it and

Lambeth, as a council that

papers in

The dispute which stopped

production of the Sunday Mail and Daily Record,

Scotland's biggest selling daily

newspaper, for three weeks,

was settled vesterday.

York Road.

The residuary quango has

say in deciding the fate of County Halt next year. don Council, wilt be the The building cannot be sold biggest single property deal ever in Britain, the new owner unul a new headquarters bas been found for the Inner of the building said yesterday. Sir Godfrey (Tag) Taylor, chairman of the London Residuary Body, which now owns County Hall, said: "It is London Education Authority. which still occupies it.

Arts play on without GLC Although demolition "must be a possibility", the famous

The arts will not suffer financially because of the frontage that faces the Houses aboliuon of the GLC and of Parliament across Westminster Bridge was protected by listing as a historic metropolitan councils, the Arts Council claimed yesterday (David Hewson writes). building.
Sir Godfrey said the aim was to secure a sale of the Extra funds from the council. local authorities and regional building as one unit, with its arts associations will meet the overall sum given to the arts by the abotished bodies Sir square feet of usable space and five miles of mainly panelled William Rees-Mogg. Arts corridors. There is also the Council chairman, said.

But the effects will vary, with some parts of the North lofty councit chamber with its better off than before and others, notably Merseyside. . County Hall is the largest and most expensive of the 8,000 properties all over the probably worse off. capital which Sir Godfrey's quango has inherited from the GLC. Many GLC buildings

In London the council has joined forces with the City of Westminster 10 secure £4.7 million to replace GLC grants for the National Theaire, the English National Opera, the London Festival Ballet and London Orchestras.

The buildings include office
blocks and shops, and tracts of
The ENO, the National
Theatre and the LFB will also land sometimes bought years receive 4 per cent increases in ago to allow widening of roads their general Arts Council that were never were widened. grants. Mr Luke Rittner, the Some of the properties were council's secretary general, inherited from Middlesex said that the prospects for arts County Council when the funding after abolition were now much less bleak than they GLC was created 22 years ago, The freeholds include the appeared a few months ago.

The settlement still under negotiation, should guarantee the future of companies which relied on the abolished bodies for their survival. According to the Arts Council these include the threatened Sadler's Wells and Almeida

theatres. The new South Bank board. which will run the South Bank arts complex in London, is to receive £8.75 million.



The postcard view from County Hall, furmer home of the Greater London Council, across the Thames to Westminster (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

Legal moves start over GLC cash

By Our Environment

Correspondent
The quango left to wind up the business of the Greater London Council has called for legal advice about the destination of the "absent millions" that were signed away by the council in its final hours. Sir Godfrey Taylor, chair-

man of the London Residuary Body, said yesterday:"We are taking legal advice about the whole of the package. We would hope to have it by Monday."
At least £80 million is in-

volved in the legal complications that have interrupted its disbursement to the London boroughs and voluntary orga-nizations chosen by the GLC. There are two key legal points in dispute, and at least one is likely to be resolved when judgement on a GLC appeal is delivered by the Lords next

The first point is whether the GLC, which no longer exists, had the power to allocate money for spending as it wished after it had been abolished. The second is whether the council had the power to allocate money to only some of the 32 London boroughs instead of letting the residuary body pay it to all of

A total of £78 million was

paid with two cheques last week to Satman Developments, a company formed to continue GLC housing renovation work in the boroughs.

All of the contracts for which the money is destined were settled by the GLC in its final hours, and the job of Satman is to hand it out to the organizations chosen by the

legal reasons to pay nothing for a month to allow time for legal challenges to the GLC's decisioo not to pay money to every borough. The money paid to Satman includes about £37 million which the GLC tried to hand to the Inner London Education Authority



Mr Idris Pearce (left) and Sir Godfrey Taylor, who will de-cide the future of County Hall

£16 million on which a court London boroughs was withdrawn last mouth.

The fate of a further £25 million earmarked by the GLC to voluntary "umbretla" groups and not paid to Satman depends on the forthcoming Lords judgement. At least £14 million more has been frozen by an injunction given in the GLC's final hours to Conservative-controlled Westminster City Council.

In spite of the last-minute spending decisions of the GLC, London will escape the steep rate increases being imposed in many of the shire authorities. But the rate bargains do not apply in areas where county councils were abolished on Monday. The latest figures from the Rating and Valuation Association show an average increase in Eogland and Wales of 13 percent for the coming year compared with 8 per cent in

Inner Loodon has scored a rate cut of 21.8 per cent, partly thanks to the impact of ratecapping. The average in-crease in the metropolitan districts, which used to be covered by the abolished Labour-led county councils, will be 16 per cent.

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ban on violent students

Call for

From Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent Scarborough

Children who commit serious offences at school, and who abuse or assautt teachers, should be expelled and put in an educational establishment elsewhere, the conference of the second biggest teachers' union in Scarborough was told

vesterday. In an emotional debate on violence in schools, directed specifically at the Poundswick High School affair in Manchester, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers voted unanimously to condemn local authorities who insist that abusive and violent pupils should return to the same

school.

There were two standing ovations for 18 NAS/UWT members from Manchester, & who have been refusing to teach errant pupils for the past six months. As a result they have been sent home with no

pay. Mr Michael Inman, the union's president, announced afterwards that there would be a national rally in support of the Poundswick staff on May 4 in Manchester. There will also be a rolling programme of lightning strike action in Manchester's schools in the first half of next term.

The teachers' salaries are being met by the union at a cost of £2,500 a week. Moving yesterday's motion, Mr John Hughes, of Bexley, said: "You can hardly expect that a teacher who has been so

abused should have any of those pupils in school again." Referring to a survey of

pupil violence carried out by his union last week, Mr Hughes said that verbal abuse and physical attacks on teachers were on the increase.

A teacher from a boys secondary school in Southampton in the survey said that

during the past 14 years he had been assaulted seven times. Miss Chris Elwood, the union representative at Poundswick, said her mem-bers would "stick to their

guns" because the issue was so fundamental to standards in education. A motion proposing that examinations should no longer be exempt from industrial action was postponed for fur-

ther debate today. It was moved yesterday by Mr. Ian Draper, from Northampton-shire, who said that 10 out of 13 NAS/UWT members had left the union at his school because of the recent Acas senlement

Petrol set for

further fall

in pump price

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Aberdeen fears end of the North Sea boom

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the moment."

The most optimistic feeling

The 1.000 workers who were dismissed at Mr Robert
Maxwell's publishing plant at
Anderston Quay. Glasgow.
were back at work last night. The deal reached between Mr Maxwell and leaders of Sogat 82, the NGA and the

NUJ, was accepted by the workforce in Glasgow. Month-long talks are to be held on the future of the two newspapers. All workers who were dismissed will be reinstated and there is a guarantee of no compulsory redundancies. Other key points in the agreement were acceptance of a nine-day fortnight instead of a four-day working week, with no more than 25 per cent

redundancy in any one department Raymond Farrell, aged 30, painter and decorator of Gritton House. Bethnal Green. was fined £40 by Thames magistrates yesterday after he admitted obstructing the highway near the News International plant in

Maxwell's | Tory plea for end to production drink laws

Abolition of the licensing laws, allowing advertising on the BBC and scrapping the licence fee, were among prom-ises called to be included in the

next Conservative election manifestn by the Federatinn nf The sale of the Post Office

ad privatizatioo nf coal, electricity and rail were also aming the package of mea-sures proposed in the federation's versinn of the Conservative Manifesto 1987. poblished on the npening day nf the annual conference at

It calls for promises to bring inflation down to zero and income tax down to 20p; to reform the tax system with the porpose of introducing a single flat rate of income tax; to estahtish a personal retirement account into which taxfree funds can be paid towards private pensions; to raise VAT thresholds; to provide tax relief for private health care and to end the opequal tax

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have announced cuts in their drilling programmes amountstrong service industry

required," he said. lars. Those are bound to work Although the future drilling programme had virtually collapsed - an event that could the services Aberdeen has ultimately delay the develop-ment of marginal fields - 36 drilling rigs were still operating in the North Sea, three

in the city is that oil prices will have picked up again before more than last year, he added. the end of the summer, so that There have been minor the city might not feel any cutbacks by the drilling comsevere effects from lost trade panies onshore and the supply side that have cost about 500 One Aberdeen trader said: jobs, but there are about 22,000 employed offshore and The impact is being felt by the oil industry, not by us at of those only 40 per cent live

io the Grampian region. North Sea oil reaches its "As the oil prices firm up at peak production this year with a lower level. I think the 42 platforms off the east coast service companies might start making themselves leaner as pumping oil ashore for a much lower return. Mr Jim Henderthe effect filters down to them. son, principal development officer with Grampian region,

"It may be that fewer staff are replaced and operations said that nearly all the platrationalized, but it is hard to forms were producing oil at \$5 (about £3.30) a barrel or believe that the pressure for a higher oit price will not have an impact," he said.

The BP Forties field, the Grampian calculated before first in the North Sea, was producing for \$1.50 a barrel. the drop in the oil price that the oil companies were plan-They will keep producing ning to invest £35 billion over and as long as that happens a the next to years in 34 North

Sea fields, of which probably compete not only with one cans on the United Kingdom no more than 14 would have another but as the size of the register. Some have grown to manned platforms.

The oil price fall

Unless there was some govemment incentive to continue the programme, the fear was that many of those plans would be postponed. That would have an impact on the design, fabrication and light engineering services provided by the region.

The shift from large production platforms to subsea or floating systems has cast a shadow over the fabrication yards in the north of Scotland where competition is severe and where demand could be affected by the lower oil price. The specialists are having to

another but as the size of the structures diminishes, conbid for work.

Local authority leaders in the north of Scotland said yesterday that they feared the

problem even worse. In Aberdeen, however, Mr about the long-term future.

register. Some have grown to be bigger than their American ventional shipbuilding yards parents and one has moved its throughout Britain are able to world headquarters to Aber-

Although the high wages and inflationary effects of North Sea oil have kept other cut in oil prices would mean new industries out of the city, less work for the fabrication Aberdeen remains an imporyards in the Highlands, mak-ing a severe unemployment bedrock of sound traditional industries.

Unemployment is less than Henderson was optimistic 8 per cent, industrial estates and new hotels have mush-Aberdeen and Grampian roomed on the city outskirts, region host 150 foreign com- and Aberdeen airport is one of panies, 120 of them Ameri- the busiest in Europe.

leading to a steady fall in pump prices. Oil companies yesterday de-

scribed the immediate situation as very volatile and confused, and a spokesman for the 1,200 cut-price Jet garages said: "We are waiting to see what happens to the current situation while the level of stocks works its way through

the system." But across the industry expectations were for further

petrol in Europe, with only West Germany, Laxembourg, and Yugoslavia significantly

lower. Within the Britain, petrol

Cheaper coal for power stations

By Gavin Bell

The sharp drop in nil prices has forced the coal board to cut the cost of its supplies to several power stations and to begin negotiating new general Central Electricity Generating

However, the NCB said yesterday there was no evideoce that its customers were switching from coal to cheaper oil and no immediate prospect of mounting stocks of unwant-

The CEGB, by far the coal board's biggest customer, confirmed that it had not used its capacity to switch fuel sup-

An NCB spokesman said the initial fall in nil prices in mid-February had resulted in local price adjustments, in

At about the same time the two boards began discussions on general pricing arrangements and it was hoped an agreement could be worked out soon, he said.

"It is important to take account of the uncertainty in the oil market, but equally we should not be pushed or panicked into any imprudent action. The aim is to reach a

reduction in its purchases of sensible agreement, taking the Inuger view, in the interests of both our industries and of the consumers," the spokesman

The last general price in-crease, which took effect last agreement with the CEGB. affecting individual power November, was less than the rate of inflation for the fifth consecutive year. The NCB could not assess how its income would be affected, but so far it was still on course for its target of reaching break-even point by March 1988.

> The CEGB buys about twothirds of NCB production, which is expected to be about 90 million tounes per annum during the next five years.

price reductions. A survey of petrol prices by the Automobile Association yesterday showed that Britain has some of the cheapest

costs varied from 159p in the West Country to 195p in the Highlands. The regional averages for finar-star were 171p in the West Country, 173p in the North, 176p in the Midlands, 176.5p in the South-east, and 179.5p in Scotland.

plies and there had been no Sikhs battle for the temples

By Richard Dowden

which has dogged Sir Gcoffrey Coventry. Wolverha Howe, the Foreign Secretary, Derby, and Leicester. Howe the Foreign Secretary, during his present tour of India, is rooted in deep divisions over the issue of inde-pendence for their "home country". Khalistan. Its chief battleground is for the control of the Gurdwaras, the Sikh

Although Sir Geoffrey has made several significant con-cessions 10 todian govern-ment concern, he has virtually nity in Britain but onty 60 of ruled out the possibility of a new extradition treaty with politically significant. Thirty-India to deal with militant two of those are said to be in Sikh separatists.

emerge later this month in a High Court battle between moderates and extremists for control of one of the biggest temples in Britain. No one knows the exact number of Sikhs in Britain. The Office of Population and

Census Surveys gives an esti-mated figure of 175,000, while the Indian High Commission estimates 210,000. Sikhs put the figure at about 200,000. Most are concentrated in

Sikh extremism in Britain. Midlands in Birmingham, present controlled by the Wolverhamptoo,

> The split within the community opened up after the attack on the temple of Amritsar in 1984 and the assassina-tion of Mrs Indira Gandhi later that year when some Sikhs danced in the streets of Britain to celebrate her death.

There are about 2.000 temthose are large enough to be the hands of the "extremists". The divisions in the British that is militantly supporting Sikh community wilt re- an independent Khalistan.

Since the Sikh community shares a common meal at the Gurdwaras after the Sunday religious service, to symbolize unity, any faction which controls the tempte and its com-mon fund has considerable influence in the community.

In two weeks the High Court in Loodon is to hear a case between the moderates and extremists over the Guru Singh Sabha temple in Havewest London around Ealing. lock Road. Southall, one of especially Southall, and in the the biggest in Britain, at

Dr Jagjit Singh Chauhan,

the most prominent of the Khalistan independence supporters in Britain, said yesterday that some of the previous Gurdwaras management committee tried to suppress the opinion of the majority and were voted out.

However, Mr P S Khabra. of the Indian Workers' Association, said that there have never been any elections for management committees of the Gurdwaras in recent years but that many of them have been physically taken over by what he described as thuggish elements of the Alt India Sikh Students Federation.

There have been serious clasbes in Britain between the two groups and the many factions within them. Three moderate leaders have been shot, one killed, and the Indian government has been angered by the tack of action by the British Government against the extremists.

But the British Government argues that it will not take action unless British law is

Loyalists in attacks on police homes

Continued from page 1 turned on the police in their homes where they are at their most vulnerable.

A young police reservist recovering in bospital was described as "well" after being shot in the back in his home in North Belfast early yesterday. Loyalists also fired at police officers conducting a followup search. Shots were fired at the home

of a reservist in Newtownabbey but no one was injured. In the Shankill Road area of Belfast, the son. aged five. of a reservist escaped injury when loyalists hurled a petrol bomb through a bedroom window, causing extensive damage to the house which he had recently put up

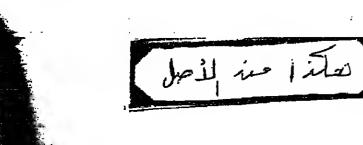
Another police officer's home near by was petrot bombed

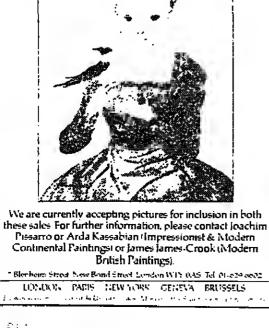
Mr Martin Gittespie, a neighbour of one of the officers, said that the police were Protestants in RUC uniform. and as they had opened up on Protestants, loyalists had a right to retaliate. RUC challenge, page 12

Clydesdale Bank PLC

HOUSE MORTGAGE RATE

Clydesdale Bank PLC announces that with effect from Thursday 3rd April 1986 it's House Mortgage Rate is being reduced to 12.25% per annum.





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Children of divorcing par-50 per cent of cases with inadequate, if any, maintenance divorce, awarded for them and the awarded for them and the In the survey, maintenance former wives, according to a was ordered for the children in new survey of divorce 73 per cent of decided cases, settlements.

It shows that contrary to the the children were under 10 principle that the custodian years old. But the sums awardprinciple that the custodian parent should remain in the home with the children, half the children in more than 100 settlements had to move out. usually because the house was

inadequate to cover the costs of the children as determined by the National Foster Care order for maintenance where Association, the survey says.
It also shows that in spite of the belief that former wives

often receive over-generous maintenance awards, the sums ordered for wives with dependent children were unlikely to cover their expenses. The survey, published in the Solicitors' Journal, was conducted at Leeds University on the basis of t05 settle-

locally for divorcing couples who owned their own homes.

BBC aims

for world

TV service

By David Hewson

Arts Correspondent

The BBC is to attempt to set

up a a television version of the

World Service, producing one

or two 30-minute news and

current affairs programmes

fered to foreign broadcasters

and carried on BBC 2. Televi-

sion Centre and External Ser-

vices have been considering a

television version of the popu-

lar foreign radio service for

some time, and recently deliv-

ered a working party report to Mr Alasdair Milne, director

Mr Austen Kark, managing director of BBC external broadcasting, said: "We be-

lieve that the BBC is uniquely

placed to provide such a

service, given its unrivalled reputation worldwide together with the professional and

editorial skills available in

"We also believe that a start

has to be made if Britain is to

remain in the forefront of

television service.

The service would be of-

ents were forced out of the the research fellow, says every matrimonial home in about year 87,000 children under 16 are affected by their parents'

> and was more frequent where ed were only adequate to cover their needs in 35 percent of cases.

Where the former wife had custody - which happens in 87 per cent of divorces -Awards for children, al-maintenance was ordered for though frequent, were often her in 37 per cent of cases, the survey shows. Such mothers were no more likely to get an the house was sold than if they stayed in the home.

The sums ordered were unlikely to cover the former wives' expenses. Few custodian mothers were fully compensated for the loss of or reduction in earning capacity resulting from their child care. duties, and most received no compensation at all.

The matrimonial home was ments negotiated by solicitors sold in 32 per cent of cases, with one parent remaining in occupation in nearly 70 per- to the welfare of children.

Miss Margaret Southwell, cent of cases; roughly the same figures as for divorcing couples with no young chil-

> The presence of children was therefore not a significant factor in the sale of the home.

The separation of parents is a traumatic experience, the article says, and judicial practice is supposed to allow the custodian parent to stay in the home with the children. Such practice does not apply in many cases, according to the

Custody was an important factor in deciding which party should remain in the home, but the value of the home was another factor.

The higher the value, the more likely the former husband was to remain, which conflicts with the principle that children's need should be paramount, the article says.

The survey was based on settlements mostly reached between June 1983 and June 1984, before the new Matrimonial and Family Proceed-ings Act 1984 which says first consideration should be given

Mr David Harris, of the

Advertising Association, said

yesterday that the industry

had taken steps to halt the

irrelevant use of scantily clad

women in advertisements

"Things are changing hut advertisers have to keep a

balance between not upsetting progressive, younger women and keeping faith with the older, traditional type of

He predicted that if the Labour proposals come into

force it would result in boring

advertisments."I would imag-

ine you would have nothing

but product shots and women would bardly appear. Adver-

nisers might be tempted just

Walter Thompson advertising

agency, said sexism was in the eye of the beholder and while

feminist groups complained about the portrayal of women

in the kitchen other women

did not believe it was degrading. Most people did not find

existing advertisments offen-

Labour to control alcohol adverts

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter trols from a future Labour government, as will those that

The Labour document says that far too many advertisments give a false impression and carry little or no relevant information, with women portrayed too frequently in a degrading

It therefore proposes a statntory code of advertising prac-tice to replace the existing inadequate self-regulatory system. The code would renuire advertisements to be truthful and seek to discournot to put women in adverts age "the degrading or sexist for risk or ending up in court."

sexist would include those where women were used alrelevant to the product-

international broadcasting." The project team is due to report in August, and has yet to decide how the service would be distributed or broadcast. The Independent Broadcasting Authority advertised yesterday for contractors for three television services by direct broadcast satellite. The would-be franchise holders

must apply before August 29. The winners are due to be announced before the end of the year. The IBA hopes the services will be on the air by 1990. The advertisements fol low the failure of the BBC and ITV companies to launch a DBS venture.

Crossroads actor banned

Harry Nurmi, who plays an Australian barman in Crossroads, the independent television soap opera, was fined £200 and banned from driving for 15 months by Marlborough Street magistrates yester-day after he admitted driving while over the legal alcohol limit in Soho in February.
Nurmi, aged 25, of Oakland Road, Moseley, Birmingham, was also fined £50 for jumping

bail and given an absolute discharge for driving without a licence. He said after the hearing that the ban would not affect his part in Crossroads.

Drivers saved

Royal Automobile Club patrols rescued more than 600,000 stranded drivers between last October and February, 36,000 more than in the same period a year ago, officials said yesterday.

Alcohol and tobacco adver- of alcohol and medicines. tisements will face legal con- Corrective advertising —
 with advertisers having to pay for space of equal prominence to an original advertisement portray women in a "degracing fashion.

The charter for consumers, found to be misleading.

launched at a Fulham byelection press conference yesterday, was immediately condemned by the advertising industry as an unnecessary puritans charter".

Advertisements deemed

though they were were not The Labour blueprint also

 A ban on tobacco advertising except where it is sold. Strict control of advertising

Scepticism on comet virus idea success'

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

The theory that viruses from comets are a source of unexplained epidemics of viral and bacterial illnesses had a mixed

reaction yesterday.

The idea is proposed by two eminent astronomers, Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe and Sir Fred Hoyle, and an logist, Dr John Wat-

An noticeable aspect of the reaction to such a startling theory was the unusual relactance of fellow astronomers to give an opinion for the record. But a leading nuthority on the structure of virises. Dr John Skehel, head of virology at the National Institute for Medical Research, said: "I do not think anyone knows

not think anyone knows enough to say unequivocally what the origin (of viruses) is."

There is a strongly-held view that they may be genetic elements that originated from the break-up of cells.

Dr Skehel believed "it was

an nunecessary additional proposal to make a jump into space to look for an explana-tion for some bouts of illness that lacked a classic epidemiological explanation".

Welsh job scheme 'is

By Gavin Bell

A scheme to reduce unemployment and increase participation in sport in Wales has peen a success in its first year, according to an independent

study. The report on Operation Sport was published yesterday, only a few days after plans were announced for a similar, but larger, project in England.
The Welsh venture, run by

the Sports Council with the Manpower Services Commission, and launched in March 1984, provided 171 places for unemployed people to initiate and supervise sports sessions. Research by the Policy Studies Institute found that 59 out of 226 people employed in the scheme during its first year had found other jobs. Mr Malcolm Rigg, who produced the report, said: "It confirmed the view that if you have a job,

it's easier to get another one." On Monday the British Sports Council approved a scheme called Action Sport to be run on similar lines in London, the South-west and Yorkshire and Humberside. About 400 people will be employed initially •

Glasgow aims at tourist market

By Ronald Faux

There is a sporting chance that Glasgow will be among the top five tourist cities in the world in the 1990s, Mr Alan Devereux, chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board, said

Opening a butterfly garden in the city, Mr Deverent. never one to make a negative statement, predicted that Glasgow would certainly rank in the top 10, perhaps even the

top five. He did not not name Glasgow's partners in the upper reaches of international tourism but he saw nothing odd about the prospect of the city rivalling Paris, Rome or

Butterflies are not alone among the city's gentler attractions and although

Glasgow's international repu-tation has been concentrated more on industrial dereliction, the city has cleared itself of that nely label.

The tourist board thought Mr Devereux was underlining the rapid improvements made by the city. The Burrell art collection in Pollock Park last year attracted more than one million visitors and overtook Edinburgh Castle as the most popular tourist venue in Scotland.

Glasgow has at least six other museums and collections and it was the proud boast of the museum's department, in a city addicted to football, that more people visited them in 2 year than went to football

Glasgow's other strengths are its new exhibition and conference centre; playing

host pext year to the Garden Festival: an opera house and an immensely self-confident publicity campaign based on the slogan "Glasgow's Miles Retter", which has stolen a march on its elegant neigh-bour, the capital city of Mr Devereux's forecast

raised an eyebrow or two among Edinbergh's civic lead-ers. The Lord Provost, Dr John McKay, said that Glasgow had a bit to go in world terms, although he acknowledged the city to be among the top five Scottish attractions. Mr David Mowat, chief executive of Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, thought the claim would inspire Edinburgh to

The British Tourist Authority was sceptical about Mr Devereux's predictions.

Domesday Book is bound to please

By Alan Hamilton

The Domesday Book, rebound into five volumes in-stead of its original two, goes on display at the Public Record Office in London for the summer from today as part of the celebrations to mark the 900th anniversary of its compilation.

Encased in a steel security cage at the Public Record Office branch at Kew, restorers and bookbinders have been working for several months replacing the previous bind-ing, applied in 1952, which has failed to stand up to the attentions of scholars leafing through the sheepskin parchment pages. Every page has also been photographed for the production of a full-colour facsimile edition to go on sale soon at o cost of £2,500.

King William's survey of his newly-conquered land is treated with reverence by the Public Record Office, who look after it with greater care than in the days when its covers were food for worms in a below-stairs cupboard in the chapter house at Westminster

Dr Geoffrey Martin, keeper of the public records, said at a preview of the exhibition yesterday: "There is no comparable record of such antiquity still in the keeping of the government which ordered it. It is as much a national ent as the Tower of London.

Splitting Great Domesday, covering the majority of En-gland, and Little Domesday, covering East Anglia, into five volumes was to make them easier to handle, Dr Martin explained. Bound into one lume, Great Domesday is nearly nine inches thick.

The exhibition, which portravs life in eleventh-century England, also attempts to explain Domesday, essentially



Edward Peters, nged 11, from Sittingbourne, Kent. with a page of the Domesday Book which traces his ancestry back to 1086 (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

a survey rather than a fullscale census. In keeping with latter-day bureaucratic practice, all returns by the roving commissioners to the book's editors at Wiochester had to be filled ant in triplicate.

It contains two million words, names 13,418 places, and values England at £73,000. It lists the country as having, among other classes of Saxon peasant, 109,230 vil-leins, 28,235 slaves, 1,027 priests, 16 beekeepers, and one female jester. It also records the Saxon equivalent of the Consumer Protection Act, in Chester: "Anyone who made bad beer was either put on the dnng stool or paid four

Widows who had unlawful sexual relations were punished with a fine of 100 shillings. although young girls commit ting the same misdemeanor were let off more lightly Breaches of planning regula tions, such as huilding a fence too close to the road, also attracted a fine of 100 shillings

Dr Martin hopes that the publicity over Domesday's anniversary will encourage original schularly research into its compilation. "It is the work of one mind, but of several hands. We would like to know more of the various scribes who wrote

Mother fears girl disappeared with person she knew

making an emotional appeal vesterday for the return of her

Mrs Jackie Harper said: "If she is dead, at least she cannot be hurt any more. But we do hope she is alive.

loaf of bread and crisps. Mrs Harper, aged 26, was

mother, Mrs Marlene Hopton, mother. aged 48, as she spoke publicly gone willingly with a stranger. have done everything. Please, organized by the police. Mrs hring her home. her mother and a member of

the Salvation Army. In a shaky voice and clutching a packet of paper tissues, Mrs Harper said: "She is onethird of my life. I just do not honest, I just feel so guilty for

back. Even if she is dead, just pick up the telephone and tell us where the body is.

The mother of Sarah she would not. The last time Harper, the missing school- she ran off and took the girl, collapsed in grief after registration number of the car-making an emotional appeal "She would not go with someone she does not know. It is someone she knows, that is my feeling ... it is someone

she knows. "I imagine someone from the area. I have always drilled The girl, aged 10, vanished it into her, if someone tries to from her home in Morley, take her, to scream and shout West Yorkshire, last week and kick and make as much nfier going to a local shop for a noise as possible no matter what they offered."

Mrs Harper sat between Det cradled in the arms of her Supi John Stainthorpe and her

As she was helped from her seal Mrs Harper turned back daughter's disappearance. She to reporters and said: "I just said Sarah would never have want to thank everybody who After a press conference whoever has got her, please

Mrs Harper is divorced Harper buckled at the knees Mrs Harper is divorced and had to be helped out by from her daughter's father, Terry. She has another daughter, Clare, aged nine, and a son David, aged five. Hundreds of local people

have helped police to scour the 10wn, near Leeds, but no know what to say. I cannot trace of Sarah has been found, remember a right lot to be Later, Mr Stainthorpe said he was now asking everyone in sending her out, but she had the Peel Street area of Morley been so many times."

Mrs Harper said: "You just do not think. I just want her the girl was abducted."

He said neighbours should write down or make a mental note of their movements for "She would not go with the police who would call to someone strange, not willingly interview them.

MP acts on deaf mute

vative MP for Gainsborough minute rule, amending the procedures for dealing with disabled people who are unfit

An MP is hoping to change the law after the jailing of a Caistor. Lincolnshire, was jailed for a week and then mental hospital. moved to a mental hospital, where he spent two and a-half and Horncastle, plans to intro-duce a Bill under the 10- Lincoln Crown Court on a Lincoln Crown Court on a

> He was released after a campaign by local people.

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wrongly detained in solitary confinement in homes and others with serious psychiatric conditions are treated in adult hospital wards, according to a health service report pub-

It says that some hospital units for adolescents are "little more than a repository for

Teenagers suffering from mental illness, abnormal behaviour and related problems have been subjected to physical punishment and other harsh measures and many become the victims of "huck passing" within the health and social services.

The report by the NHS Health Advisory Service based on visits to health authorities last year, shows mutual suspicion and lack of trust between health, social services and education departments, where staff are often overworked and inadequately trained.

It calls for wide-ranging changes in the care, treatment and management of such children, aged between 12 and 19. Adolescents requiring spe-

Some disturbed children are social workers with heavy caseloads give them low prior-ity. Social workers should respect the rights of young people to be consulted in decisions about their future." the report says.

Intringement of individual liberry and legal rights can easily occur in the pursuit of treatment and containment."

A "general national uncertainty" has led to low status being attached to many adolescent services. The investigators found huildings in poor repair, decoration "insti-tutional and shahhy." equipment neglected and poor

Lack of privacy for visits and telephone calls and observation without consent using two-way mirrors or video cameras, may all breach young people's rights, the report says.

disturbed adolescents find themselves placed in highly restrictive environments, subjected at times to extremely rigorous forms of treatment.

Bridges Over Troubled Waters (NHS Health Advisory Service, Sutherland House, 29-37 Brighion Road, Sution, Surrey SM2 cial care may suffer because 5AN: £2.70).

Problems with planning: 2

Warehouse is an historic farmhouse's neighbour

One of the unnerving features of the town and country planning system is the way it can creep up, unnoticed. Sometimes, as High Clayton, Environment Correspondent, reports in the second of three articles, nothing can be done about it.

A photograph of Corner Farm shows a grassy lane and a rustic signpost with a great clm overshadowing every-thing else. The elm has long since disappeared, not through disease, but to make room for the hypasses and suburbs that now encircle the house.

"It seems a hell of a sight too easy for developers to get their own way," Mr John Wall said as he contemplated the scene which has replaced that in the 50-year-old photograph. The house is now isolated, a relic of the rural history of Hemel Hempstead where Mr Wall's 500-year-old home is one of the oldest buildings. Mr Wall, who lives in the

house with his mother and Yohbo the cat, is bewildered hy what the planning system is doing to his home. "I was at home with flu one

afternoon and I heard an unusual noise," he explained. "There were these guys level-ling the ground off. I saw a chap at the end of the lane with a tape and another with a

"He said a full planning application had gone in a approach road with its kerb month before."



Mr John Wall and beavy traffic passing his 500-year-old farmhouse (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

When Mr Wall learnt what had been applied for he registered an immediate objection, was eventually overruled. The result of that rejection now looms behind his home. The old lane where he saw the tape and the clipboard 18 months ago has been turned into a wide

the end of the new road a warehouse the size of a large hangar is being built.

The warehouse is to be the main distribution centre in southern England for consumer goods that will have to be fetched and carried hy con-

about 15 feet from his wall. At a weight limit placed on the lorries or a new approach road huilt along the edge of a sports

> experience of planning law and too little money to begin a case against his council, but he believes he has a good case

against the warehouse because of the effect of past vibration from vehicles that used the old

lane. The new lorries will be field, near-by, away from his larger and closer to his home. home. He walked round to the back where brick infilling has As a maintenance engineer on a low income he has no replaced the original wattle and dauh between the oak

struts and beams.

am told it would all cost about ten grand to put right."

He is afraid that the house will fall apart when the lorries start their deliveries to the new warehouse later in the

year. "It has absolutely no foundations at all. It is built on oak beams supported by a thin layer of rubble." As the house is officially

listed as a Grade Two building of inside in English Heritage, the quango which looks after the listing of such buildings on behalf of ministers.

The buildings are supposed to be protected against disruption and damage, but there is no widespread agreement about the impact of vibration from passing vehicles.

"I am afraid there is not a lot we can do with an isolated listed building that is not of national importance," English

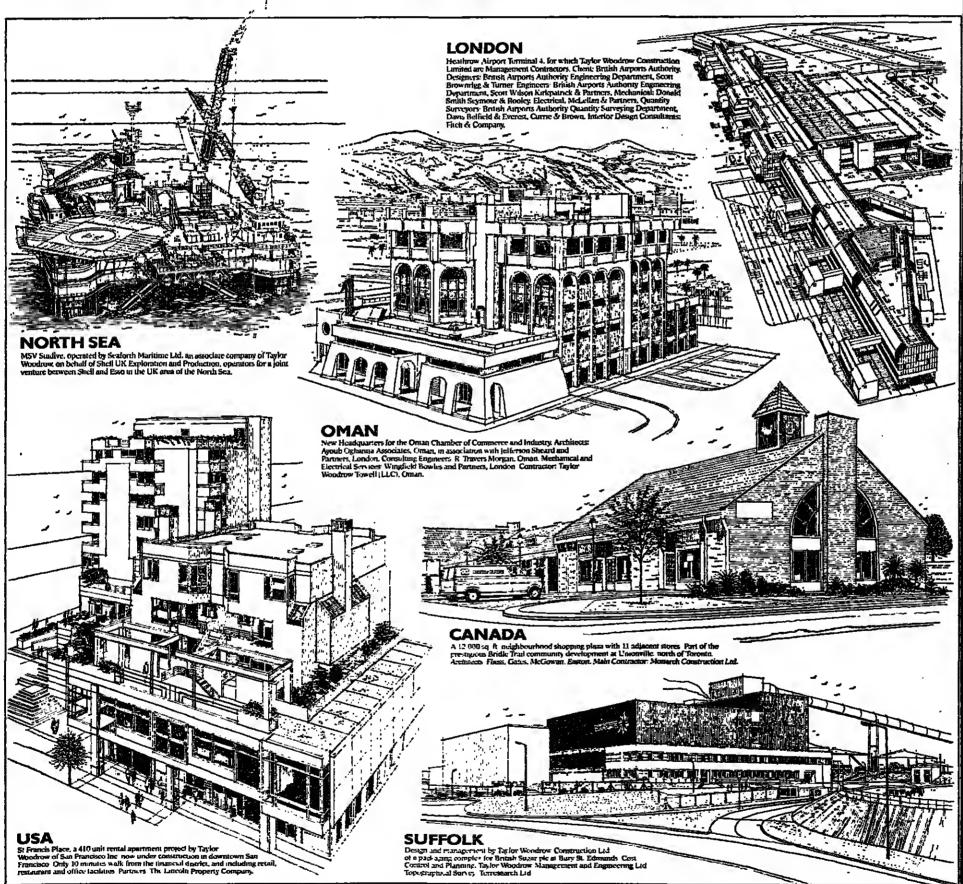
Mr Wall said he then took legal advice, and was told that for a case to succeed he would probably have to wait for his home to collapse before he

"We are sitting here minding our own business, and this comes along," Mr Wall said.

"I don't want publicity, but I feel that things like this should not happen to anybody.

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Airlines cut cost of flights to US

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

£288 "late saver" return to ment to stop carrying passen-New York, compared with a gers between Hong Kong and normal economy return of Peking, after giving permis-£362, and similar discounts sion to Cathay Pacific to are being offered by airlines in operate the route. BA will the United States until the end continue to operate its weekly

of May.

The £288 fare is £70 less service but without local pasthan the cheapest fare this sengers between the latter time last year. British Caledo-cities. nian said yesterday that weaker oil prices, available plans to operate cheap flights capacity, and a strong pound from Scotland to North Amermade this an attractive time to ica, announced yesterday that

visit the US.

— it was postponing its launch
The cut-price airlines, Virdate until next spring.
gin Atlantic and People Express, are offering returns of chairman, said: "Both the US £258 (same-day booking) and and Canadian markets show a

Cuts of more than £70 are £100 which was to have been being offered in the cost of offered on normal eastbound flights across the Atlantic Atlantic fares, was abandoned during the next two months, yesterday after the British and in the wake of sliding oil US aviation bodies had refused to authorize it.

British Airways and British British Airways has been Caledonian are each offering a told by the Chinese govern-

£266 respectively.

266 respectively.

A further discount of about coming summer.

Teacher to Man went retire over berserk in

beating reprimanded for slapping a pupil on a school holiday trip leaving the profession early because he claims his position has been made intolerable.

Mr Ken Dorrington, aged 59, a geography master, is to leave Ferndale Comprehensive School, Mid Glamorgan, in July, five years before normal retirement age. He made his decision

known yesterday after it was disclosed that Mid Glamorgan Education Authority had made a £700 out-of-court award to a former pupil, leffrey Davies, now aged 15, after the incident during a visit to Majorca two years ago.

The complaint was backed by the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical The boy claimed he was hit

bout 15 times when mistakenly thought to be misbehav-ing. But Mr Dorrington of Tonypandy, Mid Glamorgan. claimed he slapped the teenager fewer blows and twice

Passengers panicked when an aircraft flying between Manchester and Glasgow and tried to open the emergency exit and a rear door, a court was told on Tuesday.

The man was subdued after a struggle with his police escort who had allowed him free of handcuffs to go to the lavatory.

At Paisley Sheriff Court, John Gallacher, aged 36, a mitted acting recklessly and endangering an aircraft and passengers. He also admitted assaulting a policeman, an air hostess and a passenger

He was jailed for three months and fined £500. The court was told taker, had been taken custody after being found unconscious by the roadside between Chester and his mother's home in Waliasey.

He was being taken to Glasgow to face a charge at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court

British poultry leads rise in food exports

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

British food and drink ex- France, worth £517 million ports last year were worth (up by 9 per cent); the United £4.1 hillion, according to cus-States, £496 million (up

Sales abroad rose by 9 per cent, discounting a drop in cereal exports because of the exceptionally poor harvest, Mr Brian Law, Food from Britain's chief executive said.

ries were poultry (up by 40 per cent), beer (17 per cent), hiscuits and confectionery (16 per cent), and smoked fish (15 per cent). The most

toms and excise figures collat-ed by Food from Britain, the countries, £427 million (down 4 per cent) and West Germany. £342 million (up. 23 per Frozen chickens from

France, Denmark and West fall short of EEC regulations, according to the British Chick-Information Service Independent tests

showed substantial evidence of bruising and broken limbs in products reputed to be Grade A, and giblet packs contained lumps of fat.

Robber filmed again

A man shown robbing a era on his latest raid, on building society office in Shef-field on Crimewatch on BBC 1 The police have released last week has struck again at a

huilding society near by. The man, who says he has a gun in his plastic bag, was

filmed again by a video cam-

The police have released photographs, but he was wear-

The robber is believed to

cuto

Vital clue of missing Calvi briefcase found by Italian MP

Its contents were emptied

under the cameras. They con-

sisted of 23 keys, two Nicaraguan diplomatie passports, apparently for the use of Calvi

and his wife, a certificate of guarantee for a diamond, a postcard of Milan Cathedral,

some family photographs and some letters, three of which

were addressed to prelates at

said to contain Calvi's last

Large numbers of black

pupils returned to school yes-

terday after the decision taken

at a conference of the National

Education Crisis Committee.

in Natal at the weekend to call

an indefinite halt to class

Some observers, however,

felt it was still too early to forecast whether attendance would be maintained. In some

parts of the country, particularly in the Cape Town area,

the back-to-school turnout

The best school turnout was

reported in townships in the

Durban area where the confer-

ence was held. Principals and

teachers said classes were

In the Western Cape, how

ever, Mr Piet Scheepers, local

director of the Department of

Education, admitted the turn-

out was below expectations. Teachers blamed the response

A large piece of wreckage

pulled from the Atlantic a

fortnight ago is part of the shuttle Challenger's right solid

fuel rocket booster, the main

suspect in the explosion which

killed the crew of seven just

after takeoff on January 20, a

This was the first confirma-tion that the naval salvage

team had recovered a key part

The spokesman said the 875lb

fragment contained part of the

joint suspected in the explo-

sion but it came from the

opposite side of the area where

flames were seen soon after

blast-off.

of the right booster rocket.

Nasa spokesman said.

on meetings held at the week- before Easter.

Nasa confirms finding

shuttle rocket booster

From Mobsin Ali, Washington

almost full.

Two of them, addressed to

the Vatican.

One of the world's most prison here on March 20 is sought-after briefcases, the voluminous black bag with the gold initials R C which be-longed to the late Roberto Calvi, has reappeared here m the possession of a right-wing parliamentarian.

The briefcase was last known to have been taken by Calvi on the eve of the spectacular collapse of his Banco Ambrosiano when he fled to London in June 1982. A few days later his body was found hanging under Black-

But the famed briefcase said at the time to be hulging with secrets, with safe deposit keys and material usable for blackmail, was nowhere to be

Its contents were considered likely to throw light on whether Calvi committed suicide or was murdered. It was also thought to contain documents dealing with his association with Micbele Sindona, the other famous Italian bankrupt whose death in a high-security

Zimbabwe

customs

men freed

From Jan Reath

Harare

Two senior customs officers

were freed on the orders of the

Supreme Court here yesterday

after 41 days of custody that

courts have consistently re-

On only one other occasion

in Zimbabwe's six year history

has the judiciary seen orders

for the release of political

Mr Kenneth Harper, aged

43, the Controller of Customs and Excise, and Mr John Austin, aged 36, the Chief Customs Investigation Officer, were held first in deten-

tion under state of emergency

laws, and then on remand

under Zimbahwe's criminal

code on allegations they had

'spied" for South Africa.

in the courts in the numerous hearings have stated that the

two were seized from their

homes on February 22 solely

on the wishes of Mr Emmerson Munangwa, the

Minister of State for National

Security.

Lawyers: representing the

two men have waged the most vigorous opposition seen in courts here against Zimbabwe's laws of detention

without trial. Human rights

organisations charge that the

broad scope of the laws are

often abused by regular police and the Central Intelligence

Howe to

visit the

Khyber

From Michael Hamlyn

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, flew into Islamabad last night and said

his main purpose in being here was "to stand at Pakistan's

north-west frontier and affirm

once again Britain's support of the Pakistan position in the

face of the Soviet occupation

to the Khyber Pass and at

Michni Point gaze down into

Afghanistan tomorrow. He will visit a refugee camp

on the round of talks with the

special representative of the

UN deputy Secretary-General,

Senor Diego Cordovez, who is shuttling between Kabul, Is-lamabad and New York in an

effort to get peace negotiations

Sir Geoffrey will in fact go

of Afghanistan".

Mujahidin rebels.

tance groups.

Organisation.

Affadavits and statements

prisoners implemented.

iected as illegal.

Three men who accompaascribed to cyanide poisoning. nied Calvi on his flight to Senator Giorgio Pisano, of the right-wing Italian Social Movement, said on Tuesday London took part in the television programme. Signor Flavio Carbone and his assistant, Signor Emilio Pellicani, with Signor Silvano Vittor, night that he had bought the refease from two unidentified persons for 50 million lire described as a retired smuggler, arranged Calvi's escape by way of Trieste, Yugoslavia (£23,000). He allowed it to be shown on television before turning it over to the investigators.

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Signor Carbone confirmed that the briefcase was Calvi's and that the dead banker had it with him throughout their ourney and during his stay in

Senator Pisano takes a dif-ferent view. He has followed Calvi's career in detail because he was a member of the commission of inquiry into the Masonic lodge known as P2, to which both Calvi and Sindona belonged.

"I think it never got to London," he said. "It never Cardinal Pietro Palazzini, are pleas for help. The cardinal is head of the Sacred Congrega-tion, which deals with the went further than Yugoslavia and Austria. And someone probably took some things out of it."

decision taken at the Durban

In Alexandra township out-

side Johannesburg, where 28 people were killed in clashes

with police last month, sec-ondary school pupils returned

to classes, but said they would

refuse tuition until their de-

tained colleagues were freed.

Vosloores on the East Rand

where a funeral of a suspected

African National Congress

guerrilla killed by police last week is to be held today. But

elsewhere in the area, teachers

said there was a good turnout

and remarked on the absence

of police and army patrols in

Normal attendance was also

reported in Pretoria's Mamelodi and Soshanguve

townships where 13 schools

were closed by the authorities

The salvage team is unlikely

to recover the actual point of

rupture because it is believed

it was destroyed by the 6,000

OTTAWA: An improperly

secured cord caused an air-

launched US cruise missile to

crash at the start of a test run

in Canada's Arctic in mid-

February, Canadian and US

investigators have concluded

The cord was supposed to

pull the tarpaulin cover off the

missile as it was released from

-a B52 bomber. However, the

cover stayed on, denying oxy-

gen to tyhe missile motors.

(John Best writes).

degree flames.

the townships.

The stayaway continued at

return to school

From Ray Kennedy, Juhannesburg

conference.



carrier near Rock Most black pupils

By Nicholas Ashford Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain protested formally to Spain yesterday about an incident in which Spain's only aircraft carrier violated the territorial waters of Gibraltar. But Brinish officials are end and said this was making playing down the seriousness it difficult to communicate the of the incident to prevent it souring relations between London and Madrid on the eve of King Juan Carlos's state

visit this month.

The incident took place on the night of March 20-21.
British officials said that the 16,000-tonne Dedalo, flagship of the Spanish Navy, entered Gibraltar's waters without notification or permission and launebed two belicopters into

Gibraltar's airspace.
This is considered particularly dangerous in view of the carrier's proximity to Gibraltar airport though minor incursions are not unusal.

The violation occurred in Algeciras Bay, west of Gibral-tar. The Dedalo crossed the "median line" marking the divide between Gibraltar and Spanish waters west of Europa Point, at the southern tip of the peninsula, then sailed north-east towards Gibraltar airport before turning back into Spanish waters north of the end of the runway.

At one stage it was said to be just a mile from the runway. British officials yesterday dismissed as fanciful reports that Spanish Navy "rebels" had sailed the ship deliberately into Gibraltar's waters in order to wreck the royal visit. Britain is seeking a full explanation from Madrid.

• MADRID: The Spanish Government bas immediately rejected Britain's protest. which was handed over to the Foreign Ministry here yester-day (Richard Wigg writes). The fact that King Juan

Carlos is soon to make the first Spanish state visit to Britain for more than 80 years explains why the protest was made only at senior official level, and not by the British Ambassador, Lord Nicholas affiliated member of the a barrage of abuse and banging Gordon Lennox.

Gaullist RPR parliamentary of desk lids. Gordon Lennox.

Protest at | Berlin's ruling party admits hiring extremists for polls Herr Heinrich Lummer, the

Christian Democrat deputy mayor of West Berlin, has admitted giving money from party funds to right-wing extremists.

It is alleged that in return the extremists, among other jobs for Herr Lummer and his party, pasted material over Social Democrat posters in an election campaign. Christian Democrat politi-

cians in Bonn are boping that this is the most serious activity for which the money was used. They will then be able to pass it all off as the usual mischievous behaviour expected at election times. Since Chancellor Kohl is

eing investigated for alleged false testimeny - to do with money — his party is extreme-ly worried about being thought of as the party of corruption. West Berlin is already regarded by most West Germans

session of the eighth National

Assembly of the Fifth French

extreme-right National Front

- the parian of the new

Parliament - occupying the President's chair.

94, founder of the aerospace

company of the same name.

who, as the oldest member.

was to bave taken up his right

to preside over the opening

session and to give the inaugu-

ral speech, sent a message at

the last moment to say that he

was still suffering from "a bad

'flu" and would be unable to

His place was, therefore,

taken by the next oldest

member, M Edouard Fréd-

éric-Dupont, aged 83, former

attend.

M Marcel Dassault, aged

yonthful mayor, Herr Eberhard Diepgen, although the accusations against him have not been proved.

the many "unknowns".

M Frédéric-Dupont, who

read out M Dassault's speech

to a packed House, including

M Jacques Chirac, the new

Prime Minister, remained in

the President's chair until the

election of the new President

of the Assembly, M Jacques

Chaban-Delmas, aged 71, for-

mer Gaullist Prime Minister

rowdy start when a National

Front deputy sprang to his feet

to protest against the presence

of 10 deputies whose election

was still being contested, while

the Communists and other

deputies tried to drown him in

The session was off to a

Flu and age profit

France's pariahs

From Diana Geddes, Paris

By a quirk of fate, the first group and now one of the 35 National Front depoties who assembly of the Fifth French have entered Parliament for

Republic was opened yester- the first time, and whose day with a member of the attitude to the new right-wing

or for party funds.

Last year the Hamburg weekly Die Zeit published a huge list of West Berlin officials under investigation. as an inherently corrupt city. Officials under investigation. In the 30 years in which the The scandals were about mon-

The Christian Democrats

came in power in the city at the

turn of the decade, promising

to cleanse it of such activities.

But many of their officials

have been indicted for taking

bribes, or accused of similar

offences. These include the

All that was lacking was

Social Democrats tended to win elections in the city providing the governing mayor, the district mayors and a majority on the Senate (city council) - numerous politicians and party officials were forced to resign for accepting bribes, either for themselves

Herr Lummer says the money came from Christian Democrat funds and was intended to stop a right-wing party from contesting a local election and thus splitting the conservative

It is a measure of the tone of West Berlin public life that be seems to see this admission as defence. Herr Lummer's critics, some of whom are in his own party and in its ally the Free Democratic Party, think that the explanation could be more sinister. They say he has always been at-

ey, power and sex (the tolera-tion of illegal brothels).

neo-Nazism. This has now heen supplied by Herr Lummer. He gave money to the "Action Community of June 17" - June 17, 1953, being the date of the East Berlin nprising against the

tracted to the radical right.

EEC calls for urgent cash talks

Brussels - The EEC Commission called yesterday for urgent talks with the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament after issuing a warning that the Community is running out of cash for social and regional spending

(Richard Owen writes). Mr Henning Christophersen, the budget commissioner, said that supplementary budgets were also needed because of the decline of the dollar.

A supplementary budget would guarantee the payment this year of Britain's budget rebate of about £300 million. Mr Grigoris Varfis, commissioner for structural funds, said the social fund would run out in October and the regional fund in November because the Council and Parliament had failed to respect the balance between commitments and appropriations.

Zhivkov calls for modern style

Zhivkov, the veteran Bulgari-Zhivkov, the veteran bulgarian leader, opened a congress ad in of his ruling Communist Party ve to the here yesterday with a call for a ns ho of here yesterday with a call for a ns ho of here yesterday with a call for a ns ho of here yesterday with a call for a ns ho of here yesterday with a call for a ns ho of here yesterday with a call for a ns ho of here yesterday with a call for a ns ho of here yesterday with a call for a ns ho of here. new style of management to ey bring advanced technology to elthe Balkan state's economy.

Echoing the self-critical approach adopted at last is month's Soviet party congress iz in Moscow, Mr Zhivkov blamed managers for covering the self-critical approach in Moscow, Mr Zhivkov blamed managers for covering the self-critical approach is more managers. blamed managers for covering .w up weaknesses and failures, to ses and attacked a rising tide of T- hn absenteersm, lack of order and c- a

Bangui deaths rise to 35

Paris (AP) - Four people nnjured when a French Jaguar 15 fighter jet crashed into a 11 school house in Bangui, capital of the Central African ie Republic, have died in a or

French hospital.

They bring to 35 the number of people killed in the results. accident on March 27.

Wrong Caine

Rouen (AFP) - Reports V Caine and his sister had been involved in a car crash here in the Friday were based on mistaken identity by local police. they said here.

Bush tour

Vice-President George Bush begins a four-nation tour of n the Middle East with the Iran-If e Iraq war a key issue on his n st agenda.

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Turks protest
Rome - Mr Musa Celebi
and Mr Omer Bagei, the Turks acquitted on Saturday on charges of having conspired to murder the Pope, have protested about having to remain here without means of support until their appeals are heard.

Sihanouk ill

Peking (Reuter) - Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of the anti-Vietnamese Kampuchean guerrilla coalition. as serious health problems including high cholesterol and kidney trouble, according to nis doctor.

Airport fine

Honiara, (Reuter) -- The ormer Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, Mr Solomon Mamaloni, has been fined £142 for disorderly conduct, including carrying a lighted eigarette near an aircraft being refuelled, at the country's international airport

Baton theft

Prague (AP) - Police are searching for the thief who stole the baton of the famous Czech composer Smetana from Prague museum.

Honest Bill

Montreal (AP) - Honesty paid for Mr William Murphy, unemployed and on welfare, when he returned a lost lottery ticket worth the equivalent of more than \$5 million and was given more than \$850,000 as a

Fears grow for Britons as French quit Lebanon

Silence on missing teachers By Our Foreign Staff

Beirut - Efforts to find two British teachers missing in Beirut produced no clues yesterday, increasing fears that they may have been kid-

and meet Professor Burhanuddin Rabbani, the A British Embassy spokes-man said contact had been leader of the fundamentalist Jamaai-i-Islami group of made "with various parties" to determine whether they have been abducted, but "we The professor chairs the have nothing solid so far.

Mr Leigh Douglas, aged 34, a political science teacher at seven-party alliance of moderate and fundamentalist resisthe American University of In his meeting today with Beirut, and Mr Philip Padfield, aged 40, director of Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, Sir Beirut's International Lan-Geoffrey will also be anxious guage Centre, were last seen to find out Pakistan's position on Friday at the Back Street,

> still functioning in the city's Muslim sector. Mr Douglas, of Stalham, Norfolk, has lived in Beirut

> > By Robert Fisk

one of the few public houses

for 13 years. They dined together on Friday night and went to Back Street for a nightcap. "They left about midnight," a friend said, "and no one has seen them since."

On Saturday and Sunday, Easter well-wishers left messages at their respective apartments, but they went unanswered. The manage-ment of Mr Padfield's centre, known as the Rashideen school, reported his disappearance on Sunday. The alarm was sounded when Mr Douglas failed to show up at classes on Tuesday. None of the militias con-

trolling west Beirut has hinted what could have happened to the teachers, and no underground organization has yet claimed any abductions. At least six other Britons for eight years and Mr were kidnapped in west Beirut Padfield, of Bideford, Devon, last year. One of them, Mr

Dennis Hill, an English teacher at the American University, was found shot dead on May 29. Four others, including two women, were released by their Mr Alec Collett, aged 64, a

writer working with the Unit-ed Nations, is still being beld The father of Mr Padfield, said yesterday his son would not deliberately put his life in

peril as a member of a "dangerous dining club". One report claimed that he and Mr Douglas had gone to a night-club in the Muslim sector for a "dangerous night out". Mr Ralph Padfield, a retired farmer, said at his home in

Bideford that his son was a 'auiet lad" who knew exactly where to go safely and where not to go in Beirut. He had returned to England

Hidden dangers for Britons in streets of Beirut



Mr Leigh Donglas and Mr Philip Padfield, who were last seen in Beirst on Friday night and are feared kidnapped. mooth. "This is a double blow waiting for news of him. "We and has hit me pretty hard, but are extremely anxious," his what can one do?" Mr retired father, Mr Edgar Douglas said. "I have to think he Padfield senior said. was probably kidnapped be-



The family of Mr Douglas cause he wasn't the type to just

for his mother's funeral last in Norfolk yesterday were disappear."

The close relationship between France and Lebanon dates back to 1860 when France was made responsible for re-establishing order in Lebanon after the massacre of 22,000 Christians by the

In 1920, Lebanon was made a French mandated territory and was governed by France until independence in 1943. The last French troops were evacuated in 1946, but a tween the two countries continued.

1978: 700 French troops return to Lebanon as part of the seized. Scurat's "execution" 4,000-strong United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

(Unifil); 1,400 French soldiers are still serving with Unifil in the south of the country. April 15, 1982: Two French diplomats killed. May 24, 1982: French Embassy attacked with a car bomb -

September 24, 1982: New multinational security force, totalling 3,300 men, sent to Beirus after the Sabra and Chatila massacres, including 1,100 French soldiers. October 23, 1983: 58 French paratroops and 24t US Ma-

rines killed in separate suicide car bomb attacks. November 17, 1983: French planes bomb Shia Muslim training camp near Baalbek

March 31, 1984: Last members of French contingent of the multinational force leave Beirut a month after the evacuation of the American troops. Total French losses over preceding 18 months: 88

March 1984: French observer mission sent to Beirut at the request of President Gemayel to oversee cease fire.

March 22, 1985: Two French diplomats, Marcel Carton and Marcel Fontaine, kidnapped by Shia Muslim extremists in Beirut; still being held. "special relationship" be- May 22, 1985: Two more

French hostages, Michel Seurat, a sociologist, and Jean-Paul Kauffmann, a journalist. was subsequently announced by the Islamic Jinad on March 10, 1986; Kauffmann still being held.

March 14, 1986: Four-man French television crew seized in Beirut; still being held March 13, 1986: Seventh

member of French observer mission killed in an ambush soldiers sent to Beirut as part April 1, 1986: Decision to of the multinational force to withdraw remaining 45 mem-supervise the withdrawal of bers of observer mission.

going again. Senor Cordovez is reported as having obtained a timetable for withdrawal of Soviet troops, but the stumbling block now is over the principle of simultaneity, Diplomat set free after

hostage ordeal Ottawa - The Vice-Consul at the Bahamas High Commission here. Mrs Janet Rahming, aged 33, was released unharmed yesterday after being held hostage over-

night by a gunman Her captor, armed with a collection of weapons, bargained with police for the release of a convict and for an unused Ottawa fire station to be turned over to the needy. It was not immediately known if his demands were

Middle East Correspondent No Briton could ever say he did not know the dangers of

living in Beirut. Two years ago the British Embassy advised its citizens to leave Lebanon unless they had "pressing reasons" to stay.
"Those chaps who know the

ropes here will obviously hang on." Sir David Miers, then British Ambassador, com-mented equably. "But others really should think of going." With the disappearance of two British lecturers from Beirut this week, Britain's new

Ambassador, Sir John Gray, is likely to make the point a little more strongly. There were, after all, some grim precedents: the kidnapping of two British business-

two weeks as captives of a Shia Muslim group - and the murder of a British university lecturer who may have been resisting a kidnep when he was shot in a car park.

And there was Alec Collett, the freelance writer with the United Nations who was abducted a year agn and is in the hands of Abn Nidal's extremist Palestinian group. Those who "know the

ropes" - or thought they did until Tuesday - are a mixed bag. Some are British women who married Lebanese citizens and feel more at home in Hamra Street than they would in the Edgware Road. One such lady lives in my own block of flats in Beiret, a

middle-aged woman with a

tough Yorkshire accent who

when the neighbourhood comes under shellfire, but each morning feeds every stray cat and dog in the street. A few British men who

not been home for years; one died in the fierce street fighting of February 1984, his body found later by British Embassy officials amid the rubble of Yet because Americans and French citizens were the prin-

cipal targets for Lebanese kidnappers, the few Britons left in the city felt somehow immune from abduction. When US and French forces took action against Muslim militias during the mission of the multinational force to Beirat, Britain's 100-strong con-tingent never fired a shot in

score to settle against the British from that dark period of Lebanese history. But Britain could not escape an entanglement with Leba-

married Lebanese women have non. Mrs Margaret Thatcher's decision to meet West Bank Palestine Liberation Organization supporters in London last year - 2 rendezvous that never took lace - angered anti-Arafat Palestinian groups in Lebanon Far more serious in its

implications was the conviction and imprisonment of those members of Aba Nidal's group who tried to assassinate the Israeli Ambassador to London, Mr Shlome Argov, in 1982. Mr Collett is now being held in Sidon as a hostage for their release, a condition

men last year - released after stays assiduously indoors anger. So there is no one with a which the Foreign Office has refused to contemplate. Appeals by Sir John for Mr

> Collett's release have been met only by warnings from his captors that his health is in danger and that Britain should send 10 kidney dialysis machines in hospitals in southern Lebanon, one of which would be used to treat him. The most disturbing element of his abduction was that

by a gunman who referred to bimself as "Captain Black" appeared to have put him "on sale" to other groups, passing bim on to Abn Nidal's faction only after negotiations with nther militias which might have had an interest in holding a Westerner. Nn Briton can be immune from this.

Paris insists there is no change in policy From Diana Geddes, Paris France's decision to with- 25,000 supporters of the PLO

draw its 45 observers from leader, Yassir Arafat, Mission Beirut "in no way signifies a ends September 13, 1982. change in French policy in Lebanon", M Alain Juppe, the government spokesman, said after yesterday's Cabinet

The withdrawal is the result of an objective establishment of the facts: Our observers are no longer able to accomplish their mission. namely to ensure the respect of the ceasefire between the various Lebanese factions." he said, adding that the "different parties concerned" had expressed the wish that the observers should leave.

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10 dead. 21 injured. August 18, 1982: 800 French

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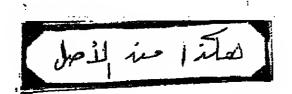
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Salvador bombs sweep guerrillas from their volcano fortress

From John Carlin, Apopa, El Salvador

Long a military bastion and symbol of the Salvadorean guerrillas' revolutionary resilience, El Salvador's most rugged mountain, Gnazapa the now early vacant volcano, volcano, has fallen into govFor the soldiers, it was 13th ernment hands, the Army's time lucky. On 12 previous most significant success since occasions they had tried and President Duarte took office failed to evacuate the volcano, in June 1984.

Just 15 miles north of the capital, San Salvador, Guazapa volcano is a natural fortress full of caves and deep ravines, an irritant to the Army and constant reminder, until very recently, that it can never drop its gnard against the 6,000 guerrillas of the leftwing Farabundo Marti Na-tional Liberation Front (FMLN)

After a siege which lasted six years — as long as the civil war itself — the Americansupplied air power of the Salvadorean military finally proved too much for the bomb-blasted guerrillas.

They fled north last month, to the mountains of Chalatenango province, as their sunken-cheeked campfollowers - mainly undernourisheed children, their took refuge in dark under-

jailed for

sedition'

Nairobi - Three Kenyans were jailed here yesterday

after admitting charges of possessing seditions publica-

ard

86.

both a jumping-off point for



logistical centre in the heart of El Salvador for the marauding bands of the FMLN.

Throughout January and part of February the Salvadorean Air Force, by far the biggest in Central America, rained helicopter bullets and dropped hundreds of thousands of pounds of bombs on

For days at a time the guerrillas and their supporters mothers and sturdy grandparents - were literally rounded out of the mountainside. ground bomb shelters carved

Simultaneously, soldiers, a total of 5,000, would make their way up the volcano in a long-planned attack codenamed "Operation Phoenix". co-ordinated by American military advisers and the Army High Command.

"We were 14 days underground. The planes were dropping so many bombs we couldn't get out, not even once, to fetch food or water," Señora Tomasa Perez, aged 24, mother of four bloated little children, said. Señora Perez, who said the

Army set fire to her home, is one of more than 1,000 people who in recent weeks have been swelling what has become known as the Calle Real (Royal Road) refugee camp near Apopa.

Two American nuns run the camp, which held barely 200 of El Salvador's 500,000 refugees in December and is now both haven and jail to more than 1,000 ragged guerrilla sympathizers

We're safe from the bombs here," a 50-year-old father of six said, "and they feed us well. But we're also prisoners. If we try and get back to Guazapa the Army has told us

3 Kenyans | Civil servants' dispute paralyses Helsinki

From Olli Kivinen, Helsinki

and state employees began the first phase of a pay strike."

tions - anti-government leaflets (Charles Harrisoo writes). Two others were imprisoned last week on charges that they knew that a group of Kenyans were producing seditions publications, but failed to inform the authorities. A lecturer, Joseph Manje,

and an accountant, Geoffrey Maina, were jailed yesterday For the first time in Finnish for five years and a farmer, Peter Kihara, was given a four-year sentence. All three were said to have

been found in possession of seditious leaflets earlier this year. The contents of the leaflets were not revealed and

Rail and air traffic in the longed, be The civil servants Helsinki area were paralysed are demanding a rise of about yesterday when civil servants 6 per cent, plus £100 a month.

Flights were diverted to Turku and Tampere, both about 100 miles away, and passengers were taken to and fro by bus. Trains stopped outside the capital and mail deliveries as well as pensions and other post office payments were affected.

history the President's office is on strike, and President Koivisto and his wife have had to move from the official palace to government guest rooms in a leading hotel. Only 15,000 union mem-

bers are oo strike, but on April 16 the stoppage will become ening to national it is quite possible because that the strike will be pro- reports).

General Durazo, police chief from 1976 to 1982, was cap-tured by the FBI in Paerto Rico two years ago and held in the US pending an extradition request from Mexico, which

of the six-year administration of former President José Lo-pez Partillo, his childhood friend and the man who ap-• STOCKHOLM: - Swedeo yesterday moved closer to an industrial confrontation likely to bring private industry to a standstill (Christopher Mosey writes).

The Federation of Salaried Employees in Industry and Services (PTK) announced a strike of 50,000 white-collar workers for next Wednesday in response to a lockout of 300,000 men by the Swedish Employers' Coofederation. PTK is seeking a pay increase dated from January 1.

· Pilots' threat: The Swedish air force may lose a fifth of its 500 pilots, who are threatening to resign by December because of low pay (Reuter



tary of Defence, looks into North Korea through binoculars from a South Korean gnard post at Songhark.

Mr Weinberger, who is in Seoul for a

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Mexico City - The most vanted man in Mexico, Gener-

al Arturo Durazo, the capital's former police chief, arrived here yesterday after US an-

thorities ordered his deporta-

tion from a Los Angeles jail to

face charges of extortion, ille-

gal possession of weapons and

probably murder (John Carlin writes).

was granted on Tuesday.

A symbol of the corruption

pointed him police chief, he retired in 1982, colosally rich.

He has been accused of

ordering several murders.

heading a drug ring with

international links and extort-

ing millions of pounds.
With Mexicans thirsty for

revenge, every detail of his

extradition case in Los Ange-

les provoked headlines. General Durazo has often said

he feared for his tife on return

to Mexico. He arrived before

dawn from Santiago yesterday

Mr Lee Ki Back, that the US would keep its forces in South Korea as long as

security meeting, yesterday his South Korean counterpart, The two defence chiefs also agreed their countries would intensify joint military exercises over the next few

years: a period which Mr Lee considers

US pledge to return 'millions'

Manila recovers titles to Marcos Philippines land

The head of the commission investigating the hidden wealth of former President Marcos of the Philippines returned home yesterday with property titles valued at \$25 millioo (about £17 million). alleged to have been secretly

acquired by Mr Marcos. Mr Jovno Salonga, chairman of the Commission on Good Government, said the titles covered more than before the revolt and last week

said, US officials assured him man" and had set up four that the Manila Government dummy property companies would be able to recover "in a for the former president's land few months" hundreds of holdings, millions of dollars in Marcoscontrolled real estate.

"A good portion of the illgotten wealth will surely be recovered," said Mr Salonga, who earlier estimated that the personal fortune of Mr Marcos and his wife, Imelda, could reach \$10 billion.

The five-member commissioo was set up by President

Mr Salonga, a former sena-tor once jailed by Mr Marcos, said the commission boped to and was transferred to a maximum security prison in the Mexican capital pending a learn the extent of the deposed president's financial empire with the help of 2,300 pages of documents he took with him

when he fled to Hawaii, US On a separate mission, Mr authorities provided Mr Pedro Yap, another commission member, discussed with Salonga with copies of the Swiss authorities "concrete documents last month. The 19 land titles, covering to recover assets held

properties in Manila and provincial areas, were handed to Mr Salonga said commis-sion inquiries in the US. Mr Ramon Diaz, another commission member, hy Mr Jose Campos, n former husiposed "what can only be ness associate of Mr Marcos. Mr Campos fled to Canada

described as the unprecedented plunder of an entire 18,500 acres of land in the surrendered the titles to Mr Diaz in Vancouver. He admit-During his 19-day trip, he ted he was Mr Marcos's "froot eight visiting Japanese parliamentarians that Mr Marcos is also suspected of having systematically syphoned off \$500 million in official Japanese aid

Mr Salonga: confident of

during his 20 years in power. Mr Diaz said the cost of projects under the Japan Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund were believed to have been inflated by as much as 20 per cent to cover a commission paid to Mr Marcos.

Mr Marcos in six Swiss

Canada and Switzerland ex-

The commission has told

bank accounts.

Meanwhile, thousands of Filipinos employed at five American military iostallations yesterday returned to work after a 12-day strike. Several thousand defiant workers, however, have rejected the new wage agreement and are contiouing to barrirecovering millions -. -- cade Subic Bay naval base.

UN urged to open files on Waldheim ere

From Zoriana Pysariwsky op-New York op-

Jewish organizations and in New York legislators have to called on the United Nations ho to open secret files which they claim hold the key to unravelling the full story about Dr TyKurt Waldheim, the former m.
UN Sccretary-General, who is the accused of concealing his Nazi

The request came as new vidence was released by the ies 1d 1.50 World Jewish Congress pur-hn porting to show that he partic- 2 ipated in operations against ok ugoslav partisans in West 15, Bosnia and the resistance 2 ia 5 2) movement in Greece, including Mr George Papandreou, the former Greek Prime Minister and father of Mr Andreas Papandreou, the present prime minister.

There is pressure on the 2 Reagan Administration for to members of Congress to deter-mine whether Dr Waldheim should be barred from entering the US.

His file is one of 40,000 on uwar criminals, suspects and witnesses compiled by the UN War Crimes Commission between 1943 and 1948.

In a letter to Senor Javier 10 fer Pérez de Cuellar, the UN ry Secretary-General, four Jew-ir ish organizations asked that the UN files on Dr Waldheim _ be made public and that he be # stripped of all UN honours.

Only three files have been made public by the UN: Adolf 'e Eichmann's, which was given it to Israel, and those on Josef's ru h: Mengele and Klaus Barbie, st ation. requested by the US.

35 held after 'anarchist' riot in Athens

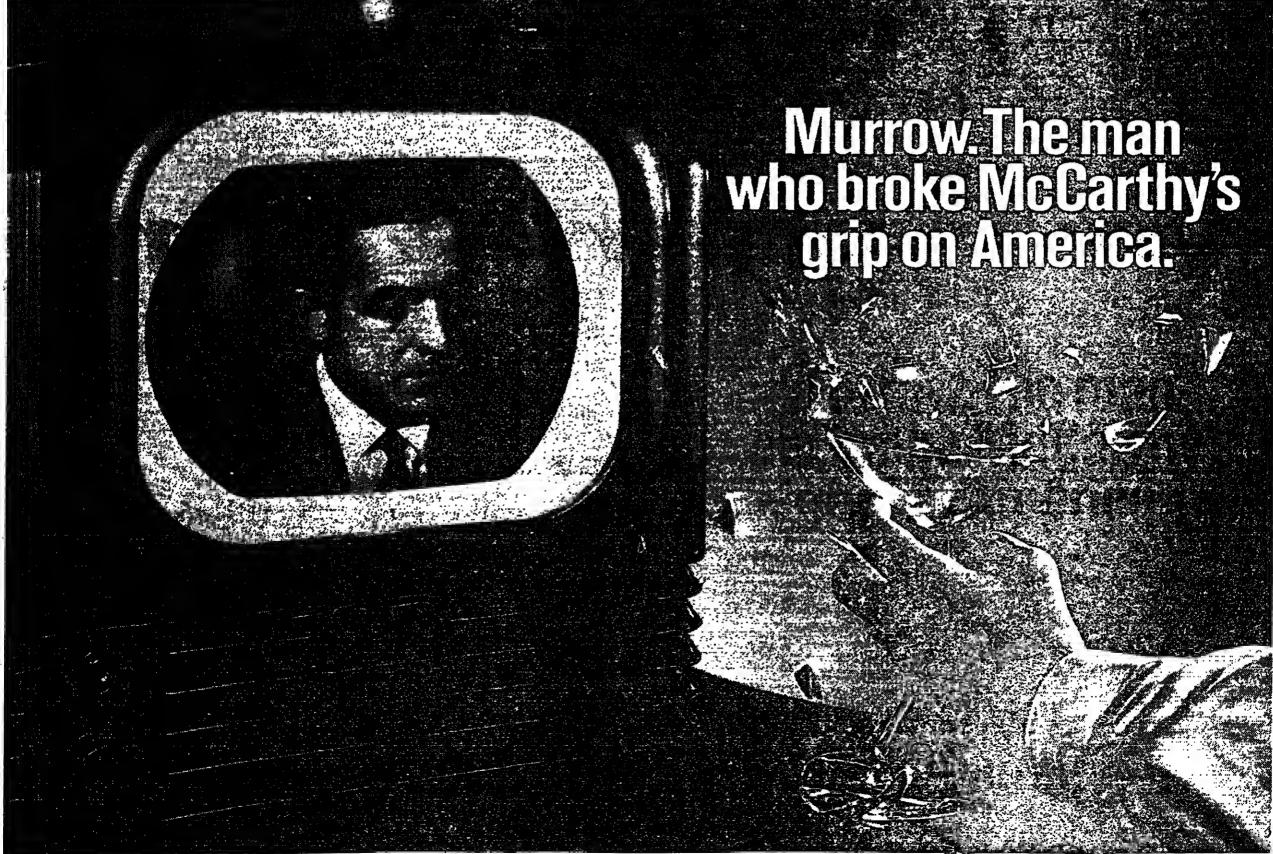
Athens - Greek police arrested 35 youths yesterday after left-wing extremists not-ed in central Athens, hurling fire bombs at police guarding the Socialist party headquarters (Mario Modiano writes). About 300 youths, de-

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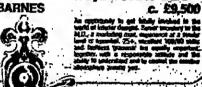
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Tangled Lebanese loyalties herald bloodiest battles

Hezbollah key to fundamentalist strife

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

The Druze are re-arming. In the past few days Kansan, the head of Syrian military intelligence, has repartedly visited the Shia religions leaders of west Being in the house have distanced. na, have been dispensed the past three months to try to persuade them to stop supliberally to the street veterans of Raouche and Hamra. Even Walid Jumbiatt's annual military parade of old T.54 tanks through the ruined streets of Damour was called off, in case they were needed in Beirut. There was no secret about it, for everyone in the Lebanese capital knows, or thinks he knows, what is coming the most savage street battles in years between the Druze, with their communist and Smari Muslim allies, and the Shia Muslim forces represented by Nabib Berri's Amal

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In reality the conflict will represent a much more sinister and critical straggle as Syria urges its most secular militia allies in west Beirut to tear into the forces of the powerful Hezboliah, which has not only eclipsed the declining Amal but now holds sway over much of the city's Muslim sector, mocking even Syria's attempts to impose its will on the

country. So grave has the crisis become that President Assad of Syria is said to have raised it personally with the Soviet leadership during a visit to Mescow he reportedly made.

Brigadier General Ghazi porting the Hezboliah. His words are not taken

lightly. After remonstrating with the equally recalcitrant Sunni extremist leader. Sheikh Said Shaban in Tripoli, one of the sheikh's closest aides was britially murdered. Few of the sheikh's followers doubt that the Syrians killed

Hezbollah key to unfolding drama

To the West, and to many Arab states, the Hezbolish is a frightening phenomenon, an extreme pro-Iranian move-ment that is imposing Islamic law in large areas of Lebanon, kidnapping westerners, stag-ing suicide attacks on Israeli occupation troops and execut-ing "agents" in Beirut. The organizations that exist

within it — Islamic Jihad, for example, which holds at least four Americans and seven, Frenchmen captive — are invariably described by western news agencies as secretive or shadowy. There is some truth in these descriptions: but the real story of the Hezbollah, its disputes with rival groups in Lebanon, the growth of its



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Centre-stage players in Lebanon's unfolding tragedy: President Assad of Syria, Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Amal leader, and Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran.

power and Iranian funding, city of Tyre, and Sabhi Tofaili, in 1978 — almost certainly provide an essential insight a Shia cleric who now lives in murdered after a dispote with into the drama now unfolding. the Lebanese towo of Hezboliah's ronts are Baasyribek. Mahammad Bakr twined not only around the foundations of the Iranian told Moussa Sadr to return to Tyre and to found groups for Islamic indoctrination. Two other Shia figures, Muhamrevolution but the growth of the Iraqi opposition Daswa party. Lebanese writers now trace its origins to 2 meeting in the Iraqi city of Najaf in 1969 Mehdi Shamseddin, were sent to Lebanon to establish colleges in Beirut.
Moussa Sadr, who oow led a
Lebanese "Shia Higher revolution in Lebanon was first advanced. A number of Shia leaders and clergymen

Cnuncil' was, in his way, a who attended have since beconstitutionalist, demanding equality for Lebanon's growing Shia population within the Amal became the come housebold names in Lebanon and in the files of western intelligence agencies.
The discussions took place at
the home of Muhammad Bakr existing structure of a Christian-dominated government. Only Shia voice Sadr, an Iranian ayatollah and which apposed Christian govclose friend of Ayatollah ernment for Muslims, was curbed only when Sadr found-Sitting beside Muhammad ed the "Lebanese Resistance Bakr was the Iranian imam, Brigades", whose Arabic Moussa Sadr, already well name produced the acrooym known as a teacher among the

a Shia cleric who now lives in murdered after a dispote with Colonel Gadaffi - but in the following year his higher council", taking advantage of Khomeioi's triumphant revolution, sent a delegation to Tehran led by Shamseddin. While the Iranian leader apparently evinced little enthusiasm for Sadr's "return" — the fiction being maintained that he was missing rather than dead — Khomeini did insist that the Daawa should merge

with Amal.

The Lebanese magazine ask-Shiraa, which has carried a learned analysis of Hezbollah's origins, believes that by so doing, Khomeini Amal thus became the only

Shia representative movemen in Lebanon, its voice projected in Iran by its Tehran representative. Sheikh Ibrahim al-

But at the height of Israel's invasion of Lebanoo in 1982, Amal's secular, westernized leader, Berri, agreed to join a Lebanese "government of national salvatioo" which was obliged to negotiate with the Americans for an Israeli withdrawal

la Iran, al-Amine denounced Berri while Berri's depoty. Hussein Monssawi, left Beirut to found a rival Amal movement is Baasyrlbek. Their followers borrowed the name used the previous year by those Iranians opposed to Abolhassan Bani-Sadr's presidency in Tehran - Hezboliah, the Par-

ty of God. It was they whom the CIA believed were behind the bombing of the US marine hase in Reignt in October 1983 and whom Washington also suspects are holding most of western hostages kidnapped in Lebanco. Since 1982, Iran has ceased

to deal with Amal - which is why Mr Berri has recently been ineffective in securing the hostages' release: Berri's "takeover" of Hezbollah's hijacking of the TWA jet last year marked the end of any hope of Amal-Iranian reconciliation. Al-Amine is oow the spiritnal leader of the Hezbollah in Beiret.

Ex-leaders unite to confront Khomeini

By Hazhir Teimourian

With talk in Tchran of a new offensive against Iraq north of the city of Basra. Iran's internal opposition still clinging to a precarious existence - has merged to form an umbrella organization to facilitate its "struggle against despousm".

The Alliance for the Defence of Liberty and the Sovereignty of the Iranian Nation is composed of the Freedom Movement, led by the Islamic republic's first prime minister. Dr Mehdi Bazargan, and senior figures from the old National Front, the former liberal opposition grouping whose deputy leader. Dr Shahpour Bakhtiar. formed the last government before the revolution of Feb-

ruary 1979. The National Front representatives in the new organization include Mr Ali Ardalan, a former economy minister, and Dr Assadollah Mobashery, a former minister of justice in Dr Bazargan's Cabinet. The alliance's hardhitting, nine-page opening statement, a copy of which has reached Europe, incurred Ayatollah Khomeini's wrath.

In a recent speech, referring to alliance opposition to the war with Iraq, he said: "Such Muslims are worse than

Iran hits tankers from Gulf helipad

Bahrain (Reuter) - Iran is using an oil platform in the middle of the Gulf as a base from which helicopters attack tankers, shipping industry sources said yesterday.

Helicopters are believed to have attacked at least 14 shipsthis year from the platform. known as Rostam Island, in the centre of an oilfield about tioo; olc. 65 miles from the Iraoian mainland and close to shipping lanes for Arab Gulf ports. Since it started using Rostam late last year, the focus of ses id 1.50 Iran's attacks has moved east- - hn wards in the Gulf.

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Previous strikes centred on ok an area of shallows known as the Shah Allum shoal, closer to Qatar's northern tip. Most were carried out by F4 Phanioms based on Lavan Island. just off the Iranian maioland. The sources said the captain of the Panamanian tanker.

Stelios, reported that a helicopter, which fired a rocket at his ship last Sunday took offfrom the Rostam helipad. of helicopters in these attacks .: 'S. frees fixed-wing aircraft to support its ground offensives

further north. NICOSIA: Iran said yesterday that its navy had iotercepted a cargo ship near the Strait of Hormuz and taken it to a southern port because it if it suspected the ship was carrying goods for Iraq (AP.

Ban stifles meeting on free media

From Christopher Follett Conenhagen

A dispute over restrictions oo press-coverage preceded the opening in Copenhagen , yesterday of a meeting on the flow of ioformation sponsored by the United Nations and Unesco.

At an introductory press briefing before the second international round table meeting on a new world informatioo and communications order, Mr Dileep Padgaonkar, the Indian-born Director of the Divisioo of Free Flow of Information and Communications at Unesco: communications at these constructions of the confidence of the con before quoting from their and would support every ef-

Correspondents, who saw this move as a blatant restric-tion on their press freedom, were told that such a procedure was necessary to ensurecorrect coverage of the meeting and engender a freer debate among participants.

Topping the agenda is an assessment of the international flow of information.

Proposals are also on the table to redress the imbalance (between East and West, North and South, and the Third World and the industrial democracies) on media freedom, world communication developments and access to, and participation in, communication globally.

The final report is to be submitted to the UN General Assembly at the end of the Copenhagen session.

US threat alarms **Portugal**

From Martha de la Cal Lisbon

Portuguese exporters and government officials are worried by President Reagan's threats to restrict imports from EEC countries on the grounds that the recent entry of Portugal and Spain will cost the US\$1 billion a year in lost agricultural exports, particularly cereal, soya beans and cooking oils.

The Secretary of State for European Integratioo, Senhor Vitor Martins, said Portugal was concerned that the US might restrict basic Portuguese exports such as wine and

that by the EEC id teach an Portugal exports \$33 mil

lion worth of wine and spirits to the US each year, and exports of textiles have been increasing so rapidly that American manufacturers have become alarmed.

On the other hand, Portugal has been buying most in its cereals and cooking oils from the US, although the high value of the dollar has caused the amount to be cut back from \$700 million worth of wheat, soys beans and other food products in 1984 to \$428 milion last year:

Under the EEC agreement Portugal must buy at least 15.5 per cent of its cercal from the Community for a transition period of five years.
The US Administration

says this is a violation of the

Scandal of \$1m awards

Reagan tries to rein in galloping damages From Christopher Thomas, Washington

runaway damages awards by American juries. Doctors in particular are being sued at record rates by patients who can become instantly rich because of a minor medical error. The average medical malpractice award by juries last year for the first

time topped \$1 milling (£667,000).

The legislation will propose significant changes in liability insurance coverage, perhaps including clearly defined limits on the awards juries can make. Contingency lawyers who often become wealthy overnight by taking a percentage of damages awards may have their fees limited.

White House officials believe that some of the steam may be taken out of the damages industry" once lawyers find such cases less

The madness that seems to have gripped so many juries in damages cases was demonstrated graphically last week cy Council said that a when a jury in Philadelphia weritable explosion in the awarded more than \$1 million definition of liability had led to

President Reagan plans to scan for the loss of her psychic introduce legislation to control powers.

that as a result of the scan she suffered severe headaches when she tried to use her psychic powers. ..

Insurance cover is now anavailable in many areas in America because of fears by iasurance companies of swingeing jary awards. Ice rinks and fairgrounds have closed all over the country because they can no longer

Many states have already made it more difficult for victims to recover large financial judgments, but the White House says that it wants federal action to avert a crisis in the insurance industry

The legislation will propos that damages may be paid over time and will change laws to provide a more realistic assessment of responsibility in

A report prepared by President Reagan's Domestic Polito a woman who blamed a body a crisis that called for reform.

Haiti police chief held Rio de Janeiro (AP) - remote Brazilian island where

has been detained in Brasilia been accused of fortune and murder by political prisoners freed after the former dictator.

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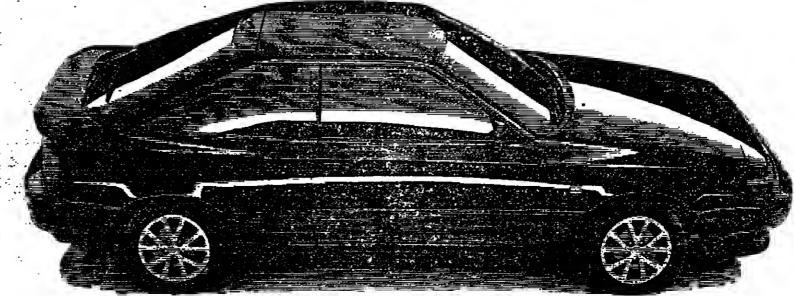
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Ambitions of a loyal all-rounder

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE

be Foreign Secretary has been heard to claim that the nearest he ever came to sporting attainment was "runner-up to the best loser" in an army boxing context. Roughly the same level of achievement met his aspirations for the Conservative Party leadership in 1975, when he collected a few handfuls of votes in the second-ballot cootest in which Margaret Thatcher defeated Willie White-

Now, however, Geoffrey Howe scores high in the who-next conversations enjoyed by any political party that has had the same leader for more than a decade."Howe if it's quick, Hnrd if it's slow" sums much political discussioo about the succession, after both Michael Heseltine and Leon Brittan had retired hurt from the Cabinet arena.

Douglas Hurd is, in fact, less than four years younger than Sir Geoffrey, who will be 60 this year. But Hurd, newly sprung to prominence as Home Secretary, appears to belong to the younger genera-tion of Tory politicians.

This is partly because Howe has, by oow, notched up more top departmental offices than any other Cabinet member. As the lifehistories of two other former Chancellors, Denis Healey and Roy Jenkins, all too clearly demonstrate, proven experience never provides a secure platform for a jump at party leadership. And not even the greatest of Howe's admirers would argue that he was a political performer of the bril-liance of either Healey or Jeokins at their best. But dogged persis-tence, steadiness under political fire and sheer likeability are qualitites strong enough to make it worth having another try. should the opportunity arise in time. Howe's political career has progressed continuously, if not steadily, From a modest middle-class Welsh background, be distinguished himself by winning an exhibition to Winchester. Once on that track, he moved naturally to Cambridge, to the Bar, and to the usual profusion of committees that make up the curriculum vitae of the aspiring politician. Two contests in a "hopeless" Welsh seat were followed by two years as member for Bebingtoo, between 1964 and 1966. Back in Parliament by 1970, as Solicitor-General for Edward Heath, he was credited with responsibility for the ill-fated 1971 Industrial Relations Act an albatross that buog round his neck for some time.

Five years' apprenticeship shadowing Healey, then Chancellor, led to that post in Mrs Thatcher's Government, Immediately, he ran into trouble again. Big Tory pay promises to public sector unions, combined with an over-amibitous first Budget and an optimistic monetary policy, quickly ran gov-erament economic policy into the sand. Typically, Howe bung on, and recovered.

he 1981 Budget was critical. It was tough and unpopular, but in retro-spect was the turning point of Sir Geoffrey's career. Under bis Chancellorship, the Conservatives were re-elected against a background of record unemployment, but with output rising and inflatioo low.

The comparisoo with Hurd is instructive in another way. The Home Secretary stands for the "wet" image of the Conservative party. the Foreign Secretary for the "dry"; but both do so in a subdued fashion.

Some would say, iodeed, that Geoffrey Howe's lack of attack was his greatest political defect. The comment by his old opponent. Healey, that being attacked by Howe was like being savaged by a dead sheep has stuck in political memories. Sir Geoffrey is a thinker, but he is not an orator, too often, political journalists have been alerted to the prospect of an epoch-making speech by Howe, only to search to vain for a beadline note.

Yet his words are worth listening to, for they come from somewhere close to the beart of the Conservative party. Even though Sir Geoffrey's time at the Treasury epitomized the change in economic policy associated with



Thatcherism, his image never acquired the hard sheeo of the far

Perhaps this is because the House of Commons retains considerable fondness for Sir Geoffrey, an advaotage his more aggressive successor cannut count on. Perhaps it is because his wife, Elspeth, rounds the image by voicing more forthright views of her own than any other cabinet partner; particularly those stimulated by her time as vice-chairman of the Equal Opportunities

Some say that Elspeth Howe is her husband's most determined backer for the leadership; others that she is his greatest asset. She remains, bowever, remarkably free of the folie de grandeur which tempts Foreign Secretaries' wives

The Howes' down-to-earth approach has survived despite the fact that the trappings of the job can be compared only to the Prime Minister's. The Foreign Office is grand enough, if gloomy. The Foreign Secretary's London residence, just off The Mall, is brighter, though it still reeks of

officialdom. But the jewel in the Fnreign Secretary's crown is a relatively new acquisition; Chevening, the exquisite bequest to the nation by the Earl of Stanhope, now established as the Foreign

Secretary's country residence. Perhaps, however, Howe's softright image is the product of bis transfer to a job where the petty divisioos of British politics are singularly unimportant, and where - in the negotiations over the future of Hong Kong - the secured his most obvious success. The Foreign Office has given

1925: Born December 20 at Port Talbot, Glamorgan, Educated at Winchester College and Trinity Hall, Cambridge 1945-8: Lieutenant in Royal Signals. Chairman Cambridge University Conservative

1952: Called to the Bar, Middle Temple 1953: Married Elspeth Rosamund

Morton Shand 1955: Chairman Bow Group. Contested Aberevon and again in 1959 1964-6: Elactad MP for

Bebington 1965: Opposition front bench spokesman on labour and social sarvices. Queen's Counsel

Counsel
1970: Elected MP for Reigate
(subsequently Surrey East).
Appointed Solicitor-General
by Edward Heath, and subsequently knighted.

for Trade and Affairs. Privy Consumer Councilor. 1974: Opposition front bench

apokasman on social 1975: Stands for Tory leadership
Mrs Thatcher wins, Appointed "Shadow Chancelor" by Mrs Thatcher.
1979: Chancelor of the Exchequer. First Budget raises VAT to 15 per cent and cuts

basic rate of income tax to 30 per cent. 1981: Third Budget cuts public borrowing
1983: Fifth and last Budget
precedes general election by
cutting income tax. After elec-

tion, moves to become For-eign Secretary 1984: Clinches deal with Chinese Government on the future of

Howe the opportunity to demonstrate the skills he most enjoys. As Chancellor - again, in marked contrast to Nigel Lawsoo - be revelled in the globe-trotting that went with the job. As Foreign Secretary, he enjoys displaying the expertise of a former Chancellor, particularly in the internecine financial warfare that characterizes most meetings of the European council of foreign ministers of which be will take on the chairmanship in the second half of this year. Nine years on the international circuit of finance and foreign ministers has given birn a useful, even friendly ac-quaintance with most of his kind.

When Howe first arrived, after the 1983 election, the Foreign Office was mouldering in the long shadow thrown by its failure to anticipate the Falklands War. To begin with. Howe was seen as too much bis mistress's puppet; Mrs Thatcher's instinctive urge to be ber own Foreign Secretary, as well as her own Chancellor, seemed to leave Howe as a mere bag-carrier. Early events - the Grenada debacle, and still worse the embarrassingly mishandled business of trade union membership at GCHQ in Cheltenham - did little to encourage Howe's party to believe things would go better if he did seize the reins of the Foreign

Hong Kong changed that. If the Foreign Secretary still cannot count on getting his way with the Prime Minister, his freedom of manoeuvre has increased, and he

Hong Kong is taken seriously in international

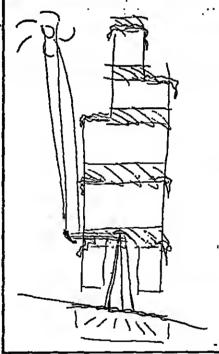
affairs. With the greater confidence engendered by this experience, his public performances are improv-ing, allowing his natural good humour to show through. He has always tried to take pains over his television appearances, remembering such details as the need to wear the right kind of spectacles. If the political lottery never gives Howe a second chance at party leadership, he is equipped to move gracefully into the next generation of respected, even loved, elder statesmen. For that, at least, he has reason to thank Mrs

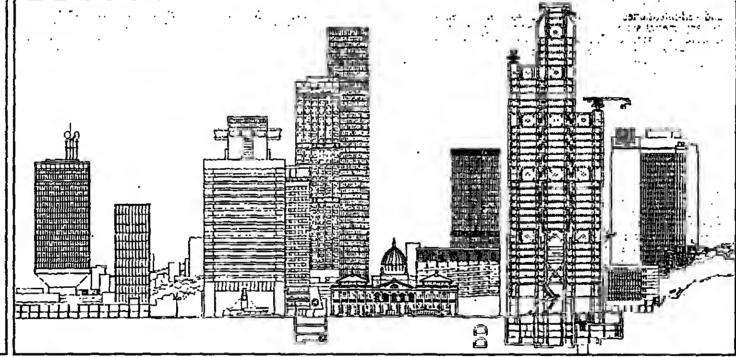
ome unkindly say this is because he constitutes no threat; but it is worth remembering that in the 1975 contest he got no fewer votes than James Prior, seen as too big a threat ever to be given a top job.

Howe shares the Prime Minister's ability to go for long periods with little sleep, a simple fact that may explain much in their political partnersbip. He displays, at the same time, a greater capacity for eojoying himself.

It is typical of the Howes, in India this week, to take time to snap each other outside the Taj Mahal. And even if Howe is not built on exactly the same elegant lines as Rajiv Gandhi, one must hope that the family album will include some of him in that pretty yellow turban.

Sarah Hogg





Sun-scraper: Norman Foster's first sketch for his sun-scoop (left), beaming light into the centre of the bank, and how his office masterpiece dominates the old and modern buildings along Hong Kong's crowded shareline

Banking's jewel in the crown

The world's most expensive new office building will be formally opened in the world's foremost capitalist city on Monday night when Sir Ed-ward Youde, Governor of Hong Kong, performs the ceremony at the £500 million headquarters of the Hongkong

lis creator is the British architect and Royal Gold Medallist Norman Foster, whose design is a masterpiece of engineering and co-ordination of more than 100 sub-

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contractors and suppliers from 80 countries around the globe. The skyscraper, which at less than 600ft high is small by American standards, is also the most advanced to terms of office accommodation. It iocorporates more than 1.800 miles of electronic and com-

Located at the heart of Hong Kong's burgeoning business district facing mainland Kowloon, the building occu-pies the site used by the bank munications cabling and a since the middle of the last century. The 1935 building demolished to make way for its successor was, in its day, the tallest and most sophisticated building in Asia.

Similarly. Foster's design eschews the conventional concrete frame and glass curtain walls which characterize Hone Kong. like every other developed city. Instead he bas devised a revolutionary struc-

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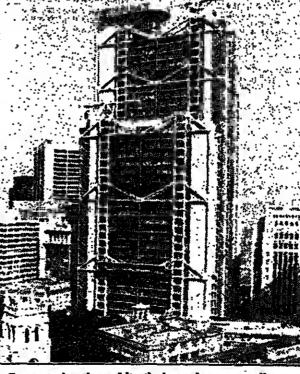
dramatic advance since the steel-framed "cathedrals of commerce" were built in New York and Chicago 100 years

The building is being seen as a symbol of the almost unbridled optimism that excolony when it is handed over to Commuoist China in 11 years' time. It sits happily and work ethic of its sur-roundings, a jewel of industrial design and precisioo engineering writ large, and also a potent corporate symbol now featured on the bank's OWN HK\$100 notes.

Its structure has been compared with that of the pagoda in its elegant and obvious use of materials. This allows it to seem almost transparent at night when its interior is lit up against the sky. Eight masts of iubular steel carry suspended steel trusses which support the

Lateral movement is restrained against typhoon condinons by "flying braces" both inside and out, doing away with the traditional central core which usually houses the lifts and services. These are located at the ends of the building: 139 prefabricated modules were shipped over from Japan, litted out with toilets, mirrors and even soap dishes before they left the

Foster believes that escalators are a much more civilized lifts: so within the three zones of offices there are 62 escala-



Scene steeler: the architect's dream becomes reality

tors as well as 23 passenger The public enter the building via obliquely-placed esca-lators positioned with the help of a Chinese geomancer. From there they arrive in the cathe-dral-sized arrium of the banking hall. 170ft and 10 storeys high. Atrium lighting is en-hanced by a 'sun-scoop' which reflects sunlight from the outside walls. The scoop itself is hung an the face of the building, a computer-conuniled array of mirrors which

Local people, used to a diet of Dallas-style commercial architecture, would have pre-

respond to the solar calendar.

ferred something more colourful than the building's sleek grey visage fronting the only large public open space at the heart of the island. The

same can be said for its interior, where the only colour is provided by some of the furniture selected by the baok against the architect's advice. Its air of ascetism is perhaps its one fault, but something which might be corrected io

time as its owners and occupants get used to it. Mean-while its place is assured in the architectural bistory books as one of the masterpieces of the

TIMETABLE SPECIFICATION

1978: Bank commissions feasibility studies to . consider options for the redevelopment of 1 Queen's Road Central 1979: June: Seven firms of architects, including F Associates, invited to submit proposals for a new headquarters building November: Foster Associates appointed

architect 1980: February: Foster Associates confirmed October: John Lok/Wimpey Joint Venture appointed as

management contractor 1981: June: 1935 building closes its doors for the last July: Management

contractor's appointment confirmed 1982: February: Presentation of the final scheme to the July: Site preparation work

1983: February: First positioned

1984: October: Practical completion of structural steelwork 1985: April: Internal sunscoop reflector completed

May: Topping out ceremony to celebrate the practical completion of the cladding and curtain walling June: Lions moved from Statue Squera back to 1 Queen'a Road Central

July: First phase completion and occupation commences November: Second and final phase completion

1986: April 7: Sir Edward Youde, Governor of Hong Kong, formally opena the

Cost: 2500 million (HK\$5,000 million); approx £5,000 per sq metre Occupation: Phased from July 1 1985, more than 3,500 people

Completion: November 1985 Height: 586.6ft (178.8m) above Des Voeux Road ment depth: 61.7ft

Storeys: 52; 47 above ground, 4 below ground and ground plaza level Occupied floors: 42 Gross area: 1.07 million so ft (99,200 sq m) Net Area: 760,000 sq ft (70.400 sq m) Height of atrium: 170ft (52m); 10 storeys

Internal transport: 52 escalators, 23 passenger lifts, 4 goods lifts and 1

Structural steelwork: 27,400 tonnes Aluminium cladding: 3,500 Glass: 345,000 sq ft (32,000

sq m) Service modules: 139 Electrical and 1,864 miles (3,000 km) Client: Hongkong and Shanghai Banking

Corporation
Architect: Foster Associate Civil and structural engineers: Ove Arup & Partners

Mechanical and electrical engineers: J Roger Preston Quantity surveyors: Levett & Bailey with Northcroft Neighbour and Nicholson

Project co-ordinator: R J Mead & Co Management contracts John Lok/Wimpey

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Hugo Vickers

from an Anthony Powell novel. Oh,

they are characters from an Anthony

Powell novel, his first full-length

novel since he finished A Dance to the

Music of Time. Well, what is it that makes me think twice before reading

a novel in which people have names like Valentine Beals? An apprehen-

sion, I suppose, that if the name sounds confected the character itself

Beals is a popular novelist of international renown, the author of

spicy historical romances such as The Wizard on the Heath, Nell o'the Chartists and Lancelot's Love Feast.

His origins are in advertising, and his attitude to his audience and his craft

is clearly intended to be level-headedly commercial. His is the

seeing eye of the novel. His is the mind that shapes the story into a fable. In fact it looks very much as if

Valentine Beals is a figure in disguise, Mr Powell himself, moving like a king incognito among his subjects. They talk in a very odd way, these

oddly named characters whom Mr Powell has assembled for a cruise

around Britain. Here is how Saul

"This is my assistant, Miss Rookwood She is named Barberina.

Being nearer to her age than I am, I expect you will call her Barberina,

and she address you as Robin. Just

as crystallisation of surnames was

one of the steps in human civilisa-

tion, their relinquishment gradually

They talk, that is to say, inelegantly. And they know it. Here is another

other standby — my crutches. Will one of you oblige me even further by getting them from the bar, where they fell to the ground? I have developed quite an affection for my crutches over the years. We all have

our crutches in one form or another.

although not everyone needs the kind I use. That sounds rather like

the beginning of one of those long sermons I found so wearisome as a boy. Much as I disliked them, I have always recognised the effect they had on my style, an over-ornateness, too

noticeable a tendency towards bibli-

cal language. Let me hasten to add

-again rather in the manner of a

sermon - that in my own case

crutches are by far the least of the disadvantages under which I labour.

On the contrary, they are not only

'Apart from my drink, I lack one

increases as we revert to savagery.

single speech from Henchman

Henchman effects an introduction:

will turn out to be a confection.

THE ULTIMATE FAMILY By John Pearso Michael Joseph, £12.95

John Pearson is the author of an admirable book on Imp Fleming, and an extremely well-researched biography of the Sitwells (Facades). Therefore one approaches him with confidence and expectation.
Curiously, he describes this book as "the most exacting book of my career". In the worst schoolmasterly way I feared I should have to fail him on this work, because I have seldom seen such a well-written and informative book dogged by so many silly bowlers. Many are trivial; but some are bad. While castigat-ing Harold Macmillan for appointing a surprising num-ber of his wife's relations to positions of government, Mr Pearson adds, "and his broth-er-in-law Lord Cobbold to the Governorship of the Bank of England,"Lady Dorothy's sis-ter did indeed marry a Cobbold, but not that particular worthy peer. The early part of the book is further weakened by too many sweep-ing and dismissive generaliza-

But do not be put off: because gradually the author gets into his stride, and takes us on a most interesting aerial tour of the current royal scene. His inaccuracies are more than redeemed by his inspired cameo descriptions of the modern royals - Lord Snowdon "a male Cinderella with a labyrinthine nature"; the Prince of Wales's erstwhile virginity "the most speculative of princely possessions"; and many, many more. The theme of his book is the development of our monarchy from the cloistered days of Palace secrecy to the full television ur of today. And on this, and the characters portrayed, he is very sound indeed.

Patrick White appears in

Memoirs of Many in One not only as "editor" of the geriat-

ric ramblings of Alex Xeno-

work of a tempestuous imagi-

nation. As well as referring to

the cosmopolitan origins and

alliances that her name sug-

gests. Alex relives her experi-

ences, as two quite different

nuns, and as a touring actress

bringing culture to the out-

back. The intention of the

novel seems to be one of grim.

comedy and even grimmer

farce. It is presumably an

The virgin and the cripple Sir Dixon and Lady Tiptoft — they sound like characters

James Fenton on Anthony Powell's first major novel for ten years

I have used them more than once in the latter capacity, may well do so again. One of you get my crutches, then come back here and have a drink with me. as a small recognition of your kindness."

(علد امد اللعل

They talk inelegantly and at great

THE FISHER KING

admirable vehicles for speedy movement, but can if necessary be employed as weapons of defence or offence. You laugh? I can assure you have now than the control of the con

Henchman is a renowned photog-rapher, war-wounded and impotent, with a sleazy past but redeemed by the company of Barberioa Rookwood. She is a talented young dancer, a virgin who gave up her art and the prospect of sexual fulfilment

in order to devote herself to the crippled Henchman. He is the Fisher King of the title. It is Beal's fantasy to interpret his existence in the light of the Arthurian legend, and it is Mr Powell's purpose to arrange around this central couple a design of thematic variations on the subject of sickness and health, ugliness and beauty, impotence and sexuality, age and youth.

The device of sending the assembled characters oo a cruise to Orkney by way of Hadrian's Wall has a symbolic purpose (symbols are always jumping out at you in this book - a character called Mr Jack turns out to be here as a lower-middle-class Don Juan). We are travelling in "the frontiers of Thule: the edge of the known world; man's permitted limits; a green-barriered check-point, betorrential seas cascade(s) down into chaos. And it is generally true that the intentions of the book, thematically, are easier to recognise than are the characters who embody these inten-

f I think of Henchman as a photographer, and try to recognise io him characteristics that might remiod me of other photographers I might have read about or met, I feel that I'm missiog some point. But, if I think of him as The Artist, things fall immediately ioto place. If I look for the tell-tale details of the cruise, imagining exact-ly what kind of cruise it was, what sort of people the other passengers were, and so forth, I feel frustrated. But, if I think of it as Our Journey Through Life, it becomes noproblematic. If I ask myself what kind of girl gets given the name Barberina, I can't guess. But wheo we are told that there is a poem by Musset called Chanson de Barberina, all hecomes clear. Barberina is so-called in order that this poem may be significantly de-ployed in the denouement.

So it is a work more alive in its inteotion than its execution. Of course it is oot a realistic novel, and it may be thought that I am merely complaining that the work does not belong to a category to which I mistakenly assigned io advance of reading it. But this is not so. If you compare it with another novel-fable, say with Pincher Martin, it is immediately clear that the only way to reach Golding's intentions is through their execution. With The Fisher King you have to find a way around the execution in order to get there. The symbolism is not firmly rooted in vividly presented fact.

By Anthony Powell Nuns in the outback, reds in the bed

Making the caged bird sing To her countrymen lodira

Gandhi was an enigma. Whether they loved or hated her, few could claim to have understood the woman. Her opponents saw her as the frigid, calculating Amazon of Indian politics. Her supporters as the mother figure, "Indiramma", the saviour. Many others simply as "that

bloody woman". But these were all images of the politician. What was she really like? What made her laugh and cry? Happy and despondent? What made her tick? The purpose of publishing Mrs Gandhi's letters is pre-

sumably to provide answers to these questions. Iodira Gao-dhi certainly had her own. Writing of berself she asks "Are most people not just a split personality but several personalities? I feel I am and I have learned to make all the separate personalides quite friendly with each other. But I still doo't know how to present them to the world. Different people see different

By her own description Mrs persoo. Yet the woman that emerges from these letters is The overpowering impression is of a gentle, sensitive soul also Indira Gandhi. The other trapped within her own life, a personalities are really not prisoper of fate and circumstance. "I have felt like a hird Gandhi did not communicate in a too-small cage." Sur- them in her letters. Or, perrounded by people she could haps, Dorothy Norman chose not communicate with — to supress them. Yet, those to whom one can talk or ask remember them as clearly as

advice" - she was prone to fits they do the haunted lady of of depression and despair, Her Indian politics. They still father's political contacts who chorde over the memory of she found "dreary" forced her the treasure hunts she orga-to value her privacy and nized in the 1960s for her anonymity. Yet, "privacy", son's friends parties, where she lameoted, "is not possible the challenges included purfor me even in the remotest loining fishbones from fashcoroer of this sub-cootinent. I have had people presenting fondly recall the zest and their cards and their problems vigour of her humour as well even at the foot of the Kolahoi as the delicate, slightly selfglacier (16,000ft high)!"

marriage. "I have been and earthy, and her loyalties fierce am deeply unhappy in my but forgiving. Where are these domestic life... Feroze (her other Mrs Gandhis? husband) has always resented

the caged spirit. The tempes- num. "I do not want to enter tuous quest to find her real self into controversy", Mrs Gancontinued. "I just doo't know dhi asserts. "The past is over, where I am. The body is there let it lie." - grinning, talking, hut it's What these letters amount just a shell. The real me is to is unrivalled proof of a

non-existent." Tired and drained of spirit, Indira Gandhi planned her of her father's reign, her sons were studying io England, and for the first time the cage was opening and the hird could feel free. She planned to move

Karan Thapar

INDIRA GANDHI Letters to a Friend 1950-1984 By Dorothy Norman Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £10.95

may not like it or be good at it. But at least it deserves a trial." It was nnt to be. Instead, she became India's prime minister and the prisoo's walls closed in. Despite her anxieties and premonitions, a greater power was driving her on. "Ever since I was a small girl, there seemed to be some force driving me on - as if there

were a deht to pay." The Indira of these letters is thus a tormented heroice. Her life seems grey and melan-choly. The heavy dull weight of endurance, resignation, acceptance descends over the book. Even her fascination for travel, her delight in receiving books and records, her curiosity for new ideas offer little Gandhi was a multi-sided respite from the gathering

What is missing from these relatively one-dimeosional. letter is the laughter, the The overpowering impression mischief, the gaiety that was discernable at all. Perhaps Mrs 'There iso't ooe single person who did know Indira Gandhi ionable restaurants. They deprecating nature of her Thrust into polities her jokes. They say her enthusisuccess took its toll on her asms were boundless, yet

All Dorothy Norman can my very existence, hut since I offer in their place is turged have become President (of the detail of political agitations, of Congress Party) he exudes Asian Games, and, most of all, such hostility that it seems to of pedestrian plans to meet on poison the air... I am sorry to routine foreign visits. The have missed the most wonder-letters don't even offer any ful thing in life, having a insight into Indian politics. complete and perfect relation- Wheo they resume after a four ship with another human year lapse during the being..." "emergency" they offer no Yet, politics did oot sooth explanation for the interreg-

What these letters amount unique friendship which spanned three and a half decades. Through them and escape. It was the closing days also otherwise Dorothy Norman must have ent to know the real and complete Indira Gandhi as well as anyone outside the immediate family. What a pity then that Miss to London: "I want aoother Norman did not choose to life. It may not work out. I write a profile instead.

phoo Demirjion Gray but as one of the characters, often called in by the central figure's ter to rescue her mother from demented excursions into the realities of cootemporary Australia. Fantastical accounts of these forays are interspersed in the chimerical jungle of the old lady's memories - some perhaps factual, others the

MEMOIRS OF MANY IN ONE

By Patrick White Cape, £8.95 JUMBO . By Gabrielle Lord The Bodley Head, £8.95

ABIDING CITY By Laurence Halley The Bodley Head, £9.95

FREE AGENTS By Max Apple Faber, £9.95

imaginative essay into the not be put off by the insensieffects of physical and mental tive jacket design. It is an degeneration in old age. The ironic implications of the unsensational, perceptive, often painful study of two epilogue are very much in women whose lives intersect keeping with the saturnine at certain important mohumour of the novel as a ments. One is a taut schoolteacher tormented by the Jumbo is also set in Austramemory of the illegitimate lia. Potential readers should

out any special skills, who is autocratic surgeon who ex-desperately trying to find a pects success, Benton at his job. General retrenchment, public school, at Cambridge, callous attitudes oo the part of prospective employers, and her difficolt relationship with her father convince the girl that she is a failure, in spite of the fact that she is much loved by the children with whom she baby-sits. Increasingly depressed, she begins to dwell on human cruelty and misery. The teacher receives a note signed "Jumbo", which is a muted cry for help, and which she loses. It is followed, later, by two more disturbing letters without an address. It would be of oo service to reveal more of this delicately organized, compassionate, and moving

Laurence Halley's novel foresees a time when Pope and Archbishop celebrate Mass in the same ceremony at Canterthe momentous occasion are intercut in a retrospective

baby girl she gave up to account of the life of Gareth dooed love affair, which culadoption 16 years ago. The Benton, in charge of protocol minates in them tumbling other is a 16-year-old, gentle at Church House. about in the open air naked and well-intentioned but with. The true of an eminant under the ever of the K G B.

and in his Foreign Office career delivers it. Cold, selfish, supercilious, surpassingly ambitious - friendship is not important to him, nor are relations with women. When he does marry the daughter of an admiral, whom he treats with abominable froideur from the day of their wedding, it is for the sake of appearances. In the icy wilderness of their life together, the woman finds other sources of solace. But eventually a lonely and desperate tour of duty in Moscow, surrounded hy hugs. hidden cameras, and ubiquitous surveillance becomes too much for her, and she leaves

Soon after, a pretty, sexually vibrant music-student comes to work, during her vacation, at his house, where a relation of hers is already a servant. Benton embarks on an abanabout in the opeo air naked under the eves of the K.G.B. The misdemeanour may seem trivial io the light of our eynical mores; but the author's understanding of diplomatic procedures lends credibility to the assumption that it is enough to compromise Benton, and bring about bis downfall at the F.O.

Fortuitously he is offered the protocol position at Church House, As he comes to terms with his sense of doubt and failure, he emerges slowly as a sadder, more sympathetic figure. The climax of the oovel, in the cathedral, is inevitable, though achieved with welljudged suspense. It is an intelligent, unfailingly interesting, well written piece of fiction, with well-drawn char-acters who develop and change within the framework of a eleverly constructed plot.

Free Agents is an excellent, entertaining collection of stories - very American, indeli-hly Jewish. so that many

will mean little to European readers. Some of the tales appear to be autohiographical, in that Max Apple and his two even these have a surreal, fantastic quality that gives them an extra dimension. Some, notably "Bridging", "The Four Apples", "Pizza Time", and the brilliant title story "Free Agents", are as moving as they are witty. The satirical hite is seldom cruel and underlaid with a mood of sadness and grief as a relatively young father is left to bring up two small, lively, bright children Jogging dietary inhi-bitions, and the world of Disney offer well-hit targets the opening story is an acid fictionalization of the conception of Disneyland. Since Walt's older brother was called Roy and was a mild partner in the coterprise, the Will of the fitle is presumably Walt's entrepreneurial alter ego, which seems to fit with his nubless flair. Altogether Mr Apple has created a varied ofteo delightful, array of char-

references and allusions

which no doubt enhance the

author's keen sense of irony,

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A hair-raising pundit

innocence in the matter of .. sexual idiosyncrasies has been eroded of late. People can get up to anything. What the revered critic James Agate got up to, between his torrential outpourings of words, was, one might say, nobody's busi-ness. Dr. Harding's good book makes no high point of these hair-raising larks, but he is an industrious quarrier for truth, and a biography would be unfaithful without them.

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It strikes me as admirably faithful, and has its own entertainment as well as its subject's. A dry approach, a sharp eye for illuminating anecdote, snippets and titbits of wit from names as global as Coward and as obscure as Agate's succession of houseboy acolytes. These vastly wide and disparate gleanings he marshals into a seamless

Agate was a man to make other men feel midgets. He worked at that, but in any case would have towered; as an arrogant theatrical pundit, a wearer of quite alarming overcoats, a monument of selfadmiration and a prodigal spender of money he badn't got. He could hardly see a house, a horse or a car without buying it, and today, almost forty years since he died, the inland Revenue are still seizing the trickles of his surviving

rovalties. Besotted with the theatre he had many friends in it. Enemies, too, since he always spoke, and wrote, his miod. Seymour Hicks, a friend, proposed him for the Garrick Club, that largely theatrical

Basil Boothroyd

AGATE .. A Biography By James Harding Methuen, £12.95



James Agate: a man to make other men feel midgets

enclave. Enemies blackballed

Stage stories can be hard going. Few of these are. Onediary entry recalled how Beerhohm Tree's wife, Helen. performing at a charity matinee, "advanced to a gold chair, and swathed in heliotrope tulle, said smilingly, 'I want you all to imagine I'm a

plumber's mate. The reader is taken inside the head. A tortuous place to

be. Behind the granite confidence, a warren of fears and superstitions. Touch every other railing, avoid the flag-stone cracks. In ships he stayed well clear of the side. Though no sleepwalker, he dreaded sleepwalking out of his window and killing himself.

By medical rights he should ave killed himself by his lifestyle, its sheer toll of eating and drinking and working, the reluciance ever to go to bed.
AI 68, two years before his
death in 1947, now overweight dropsical and wheezing with asthma and cigars, he still had the vigour for a last iofatuation, the object of his affections a clean-cut American GI who, backhome, showered him with as many and regular food parcels as his creditors did writs. -.

There were kindnesses. He would use his influence to push young literary aspirants in whom he discerned something worth pushing. But his self-seeking ambition dominated all.

One act of betrayal, towards Alan ("Jock") Dent, for fifteen years his friend, secretary, ofteo "ghost", reads as shockingly, if in a different way, as any of the private

What of the words? They were good. Between 1921 and 1946 (always keeping 2 tally) he wrote seven million. His nine Ego diaries, if still on library shelves, would repay another dip. And if the Public Lending Right Act extends to literary executors, there could be another little something for the patient taxman.

Patricia Highsmith has set her novel in New York's Green-wich Village, which was possi-bly a mistake. She seems, surprisingly, to be not totally at ease in the milieu, and as a result her characters, too, are not as coofidently described as we have come to expect from her. This is especially true of Elsie, who is not so much the central character as the catalyst and the object of some very Highsmithian sexual Elsie, a 20-year old small-

town girl, is a trusting, impulsive, freewheeling creature having a good time in the big city. Ralph, middle-aged and alone (apart from a dog called God), conceives a fanatical and unwelcome mission to protect her from what he sees as the corruption and evil of the society in which she moves. She is befriended by Jack, an illustrator, and his wife Natalia. They too are drawn into her emotional

Highsmith's extraordinary ability to draw menace and tension out of the most everyday events has not deserted her, and her portrayal of Ralph's developing obsession is as chilling and credible as anything she has done. But the interplay between the four principals is less convincing, and when the cathartic act of violence occurs, its effect is both less macabre and less plausible than Highsmith's norm. By her own impossibly high standards, Found in the Streets though eminently readable and often gripping, is

slight disappointment. · Safely to the Grave ,by Margaret Yorke (Hutchinson £8.95). Yobbo psychopath seeks revenge on women who

Small pie front cover? from the

Big Apple CRIME Marcel Berlins

FOUND IN THE STREET By Patricia Highsmith Heinemann, 19.95

reported bim for dangerous driving. Yorke's portrait of growing resentment leading to inevitable violence is frighteningly convincing: An altogether superior psychothriller.

• Pretty Maids all in a Row by Anthea Fraser (Collins £7.95). The typical sleepy English village, complete with a murderer at large and a rapist who forces his victims to recite nursery rhymes. A good old-fashioned read on a thoroughly modern theme.

· Into the Valley of Death, by Evelyn Hervey (Weidenfeld & Nicolson 18.95). The resourceful Miss Unwin. Victorian governess with a penchant for detection, is summoned to save an innocent country publican from imminent gallows. Conviocing, unhurried manners and dialogue of the period, topped with a satisfying plot and splendid surprises en route. Incidentally, what is the purpose of a nom-de-plume if your real name (which hap-

pens to be H R F Keating) is

plastered in big letters on the

acters, among whom one of

the most pleasing is himself.

• At Night all Wolves are Grey, by Gunnar Staaleseo (Quartet, £8.95) Set in Bergen, writteo io Norwegian, Staalesen's novel has an unmistakeable whiff of Ross Macdonald's California. Varg Veum is io the best traditions of sleuthery. The dense plot combines interesting glimpses of the seamier side of nonfjord Norway with warrime treachery and a thirty year old fatal mystery fire.

·A" is for Alibi, by Suc (Macmillan Grafton £7,95). Sparky cynical Californian female private eye Kinsey Milhone io promising debut, hired by convinced, now paroled, wife to seek real killer of her nasty husbaod eight years ago. Twisty plot well-handled.

 Moon drop to Murder, by John Buxtoo Hilton (Collins, £7.95).Retired Superintendent Kenworthy not altogether at ease in the south of France, following dying colonel's last trip and unearthing long-kept secrets of wartime Resistance and betrayal.

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THE TIMES **DIARY**

Lambeth squawk

After Red Ted Knight and his 29 Lambeth sidekicks disappeared in a puff of smoke last night, the dominant Tory group is today preparing a counter-attack to prevent a triumvirate of remaining Labour councillors assuming the mantle of power. In a final gesture of defiance to the government, the debarred councillors shifted all powers to the three - the new mayor. Kingsley Smith, his dep-uty, Lynda Bellos, and Labour moderate Janet Boston - allowing the Tories no say in affairs, despite their 26 sears to Labour's four. Tory leader Mary Leigh said: "We will either take the matter to court immediately or call another council meeting to reverse this gross manipulation of the standing orders." Should the Tories take control after the council elections in May, Miss Leigh promises they will take a close look at some of the officers. Among those under the microscope will be Al Hanagan, chief public relations officer who ran the £700,000 antigovernment campaign over rate-capping, and Phil Sealy, principal race relations officer.

Mod cons

Is Sir Clive Sinclair feeling the company? His four-bedroom Chelsea home has just come on the market at an asking price of £995,000. Among the gadgets Sinclair is leaving behind are sets of electronically operated window blinds, automatically irrigated plant tubs, a high-tech kitchen and a back-up generator. Home -computers, alas, are not included.

Macsim

·Lord Stockton has lost none of his grasp of the nuances of the political scene. After Leon Brittan's replacement by Paul Channon as Trade and Industry Secretary. he was overheard observing to his London club: "1 see we now have more Etonians than Estonians in the Cahinet."

Woe upon woe

Will the V & A's troubles never end? I hear that immediately after the flooding caused by a burst pipe a scaffolding plank broke the skylight of an upstairs gallery, scattering glass throughout the room. A few hours later a gust of wind shattered two glass doors. Voluntary contributions will be -accepted even more gratefully than before.

BARRY FANTONI



Thank goodness he didn't injure himself cutting the ribbon'

Hammersmith and Fulham Coun-

Distaff rules

cil workers have issued a charter pledging that women managers will: "Be honest and open with everyone ... refus to subscribe to the conflict tory for the operation of this Authority . . . departmentalism. secrecy and point-scoring are out, co-operation is in . . . question and challenge situations where aggressive and paranoid behaviour is allowed to dominate ... What is more it comes up with a hill of rights:
"The right to be treated with respect; the right to make mistakes; the right to choose not to assert yourself; the right to ask for what you want; the right to say No without feeling guilty." This masterpiece is the product of an open meeting held this year.

:Matcho

Mick McGahey the NUM's chain-smoking vice-president, obviously has as scant regard for the TUC leadership as he does his own health. At a TUC committee meeting recently, McGahey, who suffers from chronic chest prob-lems, wheezed: "It's a sign of the times - ashtrays, like leadership. are in short supply at Congress House these days."

Oscar for hire

Sound recordist Peter Handsford, further evidence of our commitment to negotiation". whose work on Out of Africa landed Britain one of its handful if the scheme gets off the of Oscars, tells me he has not ground, it could turn Natal into a worked on a feature film since largely autonomous entity, with a finishing the Streep-Redford epic predominantly hlack government more than a year ago. Even when director Sydney Pollack recomand no apartheid laws, whose relationship with Pretoria would mended him to John MacKenzie, be similar to that between, say, who was about to start filming Frederick Forsyth's Fourth Proto-California and the federal administration in Washington. That goal is still some way off. The first phase — on which Buthelezi and Radelyffe Cadman, who heads the col. MacKenzie chose somcone else. "I quite understand," says Handsford, who adds that it is a fallacy to think work pours in just because you win an Oscar. Union white Natal Provincial Administration, have already agreed, but restrictions prevent technicians which has not yet been accepted from working in most countries ahroad and few films are being made in Britain. So what has he by Pretoria - envisages the setting up of a "Joint Executive Authority" (JEA). This body would still be accountable to been doing? "Oh. a couple of relevision documentaries and a separate black and white adminrecord of train sounds." istrative and legislative structures.

Teachers in England must be puzzled by the way that Scottish ministers can "find" the money to inance their colleagues' 15 per cent pay deal. Ratepayers south of the border were similarly sur-prised at the ease with which £38 million was "found" last spring in rate relief for Scots. To the Treasury at least the answer is

simple, and disturbing.
Public expenditure last year was £2,210 per head in Scotland and £1,927 in Wales against £1,761 in England. In most of the big spending programmes - roads, hospitals, schools and housing -spending in Scotland is an average 30 per cent higher than in England. Housing takes 78 per cent more, education 36 per cent more, health 26 per cent more.

Why does Scotland do so well? The answer is neither English generosity nor Scottish ministerial advocacy but a Treasury mecha-nism, the "territorial block formula", applied to each territory (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) since 1980. Under this curious system public spending in each country is determined not according to need but by mathematical formulae giving Scotland 10/85. Wales 5/85 and Northern Ireland 2.75 per cent of the English total.

The results five years on are startling. Security costs make comparison difficult for Northern Ireland. But in Scotland and Wales, there is now over-provision amounting to well over

Give England a fair deal for a change

by Michael Fallon

£1 hillion a year which could not be justified under normal public spending rules. The territorial block formula is the cause of the

For a start, the formula appears to apply automatically. If additional provision, for example oo roads or libraries, is decided for England, the Scottish and Welsh hlocks benefit accordingly — whe-ther or not new roads or libraries are actually required in Scotland and Wales. Worse still, the respective Secretaries of State can happily switch funds from one block to another; thus money theoreti-cally allocated for Scottish prisons can end up being spent on Scottish hospitals instead.

Does this matter? I think it does. First, overall control of public spending is threatened by a system that builds in over-provision each year. As the governbroadly flat, each year's public spending bargaining round will become increasingly difficult; un-justified spending will make it ven more so.

Secondly, England suffers. In particular, the formula discrimiparticular, the formula discrimi-nates against the less prosperous English regions. Without any re-gional analysis of public spending, the difference is hard to quantify. But regions such as the North West and North East, with struc-tural and social problems similar to those of Scotland, lose out directly in per capita terms to their directly in per capita terms to their

neighbours across the border. Thirdly, there is little reason to exempt either Scotland or Wales from the current pressures on public spending. When other programmes are being restrained or cut back, it would be unfair not to look to Scotland and Wales for some contribution. Nor can Scotlonger as one of Britain's poorer regions: measured on GDP per capita it ranks third, after only the South East and East Anglia. Indeed, suspending the formula in some areas (such as council housing) might compel Scottish Office ministers to pursue even more vigorously the policies that have extended supportable in England.

extended ownership in England, Finally, unless the entire terri-torial block formula system is recast, both the over-provision and discrimination will increase. The longer that action is postponed, the more difficult it will be politically for the Treasury to reassert its control over Scottish Office spending. And as the discrimination against the English regions becomes more severe, the government will face further pressure for devolution and separate development agencies from bardpressed areas like such as the North East, the North West and the South West. A review of both the mech-

anism and its effects is therefore long overdue. The arrival of funds approved by the US Congress will in any case complicate Northern Ireland spending Separate studies ought now to be put in hand to determine real need in each territory and to equalize Whitehall subvention towards the main programme areas. Pending their conclusions the working of the formula should be suspended on all block programmes.

The author is Conservative MP for

ment struggles to hold expenditure land in particular be regarded any Richard Ford examines the strains imposed by Portadown

Loyal or loyalist? The great **RUC** challenge

least weekend, as Northern Ireland's traditional marching sea-son began, men of the Royal Ulster Constabulary were hoping that the parades would not herald the onset of a turbulent summer, But on Sunday they faced vicious rioting after a loyalist Apprentice Boys' parade was banned in Portadown, a town that has been described as the "Vatican of

Afterwards, the gun shots that blasted the window of a police reservist's home in north Belfast and the petrol bomb attacks on the homes of two officers in the Shankhill Road showed what loyalists mean when they scream at the RUC. Your day of reckoning is coming.".

Orangeism".

Policing loyalist protests against the Anglo-Irish Hillsborough agreement while at the same time combating IRA terrorism is the stiffest test the RUC has faced in its history. Many of its members may have private doubts about Hillsborough, but in public they display contempt, in unprintable language, for the loyalists who bombard them with paving stones, bricks and bottles.

The violence is venomous. Policemen have had 30 pieces of silver burled at them. There has been talk of "hits in plastic bags", a reference to the method used to collect the bodies of victims of terrorist activity. Some RUC men have been reminded that the crowds on the street know exactly where they live.

But the rioting in Portadown last Sunday had its origins not only in the loyalist opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement but also in memories of last year's marching season. In 1985 there were 1,897 loyalist marches and 223 republican. There was also a longrunning controversy over "provocative" marches through certain Roman Catholic areas

Johannesburg
The possibility of a deal between

South Africa's higgest white tribe,

the Afrikaners, and its biggest

black group, the Zulus, has hovered for years on the horizon of the

country's political landscape.

Hitherto, however, it has always

evaporated on closer examination.

Today, at a conference in Dur-ban, the mirage may at last

become tangible. The purpose of

the conference is to discuss the

details of a merger between the white and black-ruled parts of

single multi-racial policy.

Natal with a view to forming a

Three years ago, when the idea

was first suggested by an all-race

commission set up by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the chief min-

ster of the KwaZulu tribal

"homeland", the Pretoria govern-

ment rejected it out of hand. But

after 19 months of political unrest

and violence, and under growing

international pressure, President

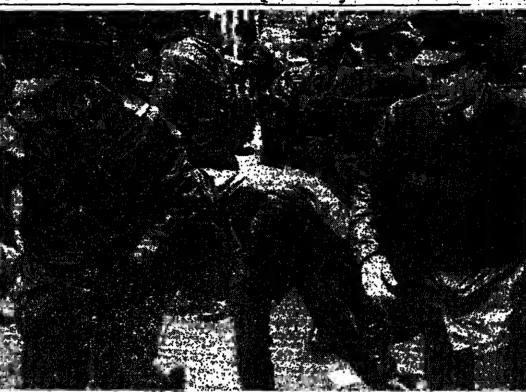
Botha has had to rethink his

position. Representatives of his

ruling National Party are to attend

the Durban "indaba" as observers

in a spirit of goodwill and as



Belfast, December 1985: RUC men retreat from a loyalist demonstration of protest against the Hillsborough agreement - a foretaste of this week's violence

which the authorities deliberately brought to a head, to the dismay of hardline loyalists. Although only two loyalist parades were banoed and 15 re-routed, the suspicioo that Dublin's hand was behind the action enraged Unionists and led to rioting and intimidation of police officers.

This year the Orange institutions threatened to defy any attempt by the RUC to after traditional routes, believing that the police were acting at the behest of the southern authorities. Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the RUC, has denied this, and suggests that an independent tribunal should decide on re-routing. He has also criticized parade organizers for insisting on marching through areas where, because of population shifts, they are no longer welcome.

It is not only the steadfastness of the RUC-in policing the loyalist population that will be tested this summer but also the policy of "police primacy". This is the policy, introduced in 1976, which gave the RUC responsibility for enforcing law and order, with the army being used only in support. Putting police in the front line of the battle against terrorism has had two effects. It has meant that Irishmen are increasingly killing

Natal Provincial Council, its white counterpart, would be equally represented on the JEA,

the chairmanship of which would

rotate between Buthelezi and

Cadman. Pretoria seems likely to

agree to this stage of the proposal, even though it has still to be

explained how Natal's large In-

dian community would be accom-

creation of a joint legislative body

in which, presumably, hlacks - given their numerical predomi-

nance - would be in the majority,

whatever constitutional safe-

guards might be devised for

minority groups. The precedent this would set is much harder for

unified Natal, which possesses in Durban the higgest industrial

complex outside the Johannes-

hurg-Pretoria region, would pro-vide a more credible power base

for Buthelezi than the more than

40 impoverished and mainly rural

fragments of territory scattered

throughout the province that

radical black opposition groups

such as the United Democratic

Front and its affiliate in the

province, the Natal Indian Con-

gress, which have lurned down

invitations to attend the con-

ference. The outlawed African

The threat is recognized by

collectively constitute KwaZulu.

There can be no doubt that a

Pretoria to swallow.

Much more far-reaching is the

modated within this system.

Irishmen. It has also meant that the once steady stream of soldiers' coffins returning to the mainland has almost ceased, effectively neutralizing the "troops" out movement in Britain.

Police primacý has also resulted in a huge expansion in the size of the RUC, which now has 8,259 full-time officers and a reserve of 4,508. Despite the dangers, it remains one of the more attractive employment prospects, especially for Prolestants, in a country where the opportunities for steady, wellpaid work have diminished. An RUC constable can earn up to £12,033 a year, with an inspector's pay rising to £14,991, plus rent and special duty allowances. But the very desirability of serving in the RUC has brought its own problems. With so many young and educated constables in the force, there may well be a frustrating lack of promotion opportunities in the future.

But, above all, it is the Hillsborough agreement that provides the sternest test for the RUC. Ninety per cent of its men are Protestant and live in predominantly loyalist areas. loevitably, personal bostility and concern surrounds an agreement which gives Duhlin a consultative role in the affairs of the North.

National Congress has denounced

it as "a divisive gathering" de-signed "to fragment our already

The Durban initiative is re-

garded with no less suspicion by

the extreme right-wing Conser-vative and Herstigte Nasionale white parties, which have also

declined to attend. Right-wing members of the Natal Provincial

Council have formed a group called Action White Natal to

oppose the project. Natal has always been the odd

man out of South Africa's four

provinces. Physically, with its

green rolling hills, sugar planta-tions (on which Indians were

imported to work in the 19th

centuryl and sub-tropical coast-line, it is strikingly different from

the vast empty spaces of semi-arid

SWAŹILAND,

KWAZULU

50 mile

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bantustanised country".

Talking about

tolerance

The police have, in effect, been asked to agree to be used as tools in enforcing the agreement. An illicit tape recording of two-offi-cers being cheered when they expressed opposition to it was leaked to a politician. Two Unionist, party, leaders subsequently, placed an advertisement in local newspapers suggesting that the role of the police under the agreement was contrary to their oath of allegiance.

Clearly this is designed to unsettle the force. None the less, only one officer is believed to have resigned because of the agreement and an esprit de corps has grown up within the ranks of the RUC which even the para-militaries privately admit will be almost impossible to shatter.

Although there may be private doubts about bow far the police can be pushed - and their efforts during the loyalist day of action raised questions about its willing-ness to confront such protesters — Sir John Hermon is in no doubt that they will remain firm and do their duty within the law. He is equally sure that despite the difficulties ahead there will be no shortage of potential recruits – people he describes as "extraor-dinary men doing an extraor-

Michael Hornsby previews a meeting that could change the face of South Africa

grassland that occupy most of the interior plateau. The provincial capital, Pietermaritzburg, is named after two early Boer voortrekkers, Piet Retief and Gert Maritz, but the Boer Republic of Natalia lasted only four years before it came under British rule in 1843. Natal's white population, which in mid-1983 numbered 586,018, is almost entirely English-speaking, and voted heavily against severing links with the British Crown in 1960. Natal's inhabitants consist of 5,232,135 blacks, overwhelmingly Zulus, 706.691 Indians and 95.479 of the mixed-race people defined as coloureds. They constitute 21.2 per cent of South Africa's popula-

tion, but are crammed into only 7.7 per cent of its land area. The density of the population, particularly in the vast urban sprawl of Durban, has created a racial jigsaw of immense complexity which has always made nonsense of the neat boundaries drawn on apartheid maps by the social engineers in Pretoria. By attending the Durban "indaba", Botha's government is at last

coming to terms with that reality.
With no significant white political following at risk in Natal. Pretoria arguably has oothing to lose by using the province as a laboratory for constitutional experiment. One of the more enlightened cahinet ministers re-cently conceded that spurning the "Natal option" when it was first proposed was one of the most serious mistakes the government

Three years ago a positive response by Pretoria would have been seen as a generous con-cession from a position of strength - today as a volte-face under pressure. Radical black opposition will also be stronger, increasing the danger of open warbetween Buthelezi's conservative inkatha movement and the UDF, together with the ANC.

account of Benn's transformation after 1979 from a moderate into the extremist who used the party conference to downgrade the positions of the parliamentary party and of the leader are essays in insider observation which a moderate could hardly better.
Foot sees Benn's problem as "more psycho-analytical than political" and his venomous attack on Benn for turning against the government, of which both had been members, accurately describes Benn's techniques of exploiting the caucus - though that was nothing new within the Labour Party. But Foot's rage against Benn for refusing to compromise over his partydemocracy socialism exposes the dilemma of all politicians who

decided to "kick away the ladder questions but when he can no which had lifted him to eminence longer subscribe to its basic prinis personal and bitter. It does not even scruple to imply comparison with Oswald Mosley's departure Foot also feels anger towards those social democratic politicians such as Hugh Gaitskell (though he at least is accorded the virtues of from Labour - somewhat to Mosley's advantage since he at least (Foot observes) had reason to be impatient with Labour's "pusillanimity" over unemployment. But only a few years later, says Foot pointedly, Mosley's

much to inflame.

courage and honesty) who, instead of deserting, stay and seek to guide Labour "into alien channels" - in other words away from Foot's immutable fundamentalism. Another target is Tony Benn, the boat-rocker of the left. Foot's reckless ambition was unmasked. Yet the only "fact" that Foot can marshal against Owen is that he published a book which he had already prepared while in the Labour Party to describe what he titiought socialism should mean.

Ronald Butt

Passion and

principle

Writing of Benn's discovery of

Marxism after 1979, Foot ob-serves: "Marxism is a thrilling creed, and one which can open our

eyes and ears to the excitement and glory of working-class history." He finds it as hard as ever to see any enemies on the left.

More than once he pays his own tribute to Marx and even to the prophet's disciples who wrought the Russian Revolution. He at-

tacks what he calls the "bastard Marxism or Trotskyism" which spreads the doctrine that since all

capitalist governments are by

definition repressive, any form of resistance is legitimate. But he continues: "Neither Karl Marx

nor Leon Trotsky, we must hastily

add, ever said anything quite so demonstrably and dangerously foolish." But did not Marx argue

that it would be necessary to

repeat 1793, the apex year of a revolution? Did not Trotsky ad-

vocate permanent revolution and his colleague Lenin openly pro-claim the red terror as the way to

Since Foot is a parliamentarian

he would have none of all this. But like many on the legitimate left he has been happy to rise in his party by playing with fire; he condemns the blatant Trotskyists but says nothing about the hidden Leminary and the players are the same and the same are the same and the same are the same a

ists who are more frightening because more efficient. Indeed, even his attitude to the Leninists of Moscow is significantly re-

vealed in the final words of his essay on Churchill where he

condemns the "post-war panic about the Soviet Union which be

himself (Churchill) had done so

Foot's thinking is of interest because he embodies the paradox

at the heart of the Labour Party from which Owen and friends had

to get away because no satisfactory

His attack on Owen, who

resolution was possible.

working-class freedom?

The idea of loyalty to a political party moves Michael Foot to a kind of intellectual ecstasy. To

kind of intellectual ecstasy. 10 him, loyalty means more than the obligation of a politician who dissents from his party on particular issues to remain loyal so long as he subscribes to its basic aims; he seems to believe, rather, that a politician should never go into

opposition against his party how-

opposition against his party how-ever much it ceases to represent the things for which he joined it. His latest book of essays (most of them already published else-where) is both a hymn in praise of such loyalists and an anathema (qualified in some favoured cases, such as I loyal Gaome) when these

such as Lloyd George) upon those he sees as traitors. If they desert their party it must be because they have their eye "fixed on the main chance" — which is the way he

With pained incomprehension,

Foot observes that simply to

mention party politics can unloose

floods of bypocrisy and absurd-

ity" and he asks how to explain the

ity" and he asks how to explain the "populist sophistry" by which party politics are dismissed as a "dirty game". He rightly observes that for three centuries party politics has provided the distinctive flavour and vitality of British freedom. But with astonishing sleight of logic, he goes on to ask rhetorically: "Without the loyalists, even the ultraloyalists, how

ists, even the ultraloyalists, how

would the parties survive?" As though the survival of party politics as a system depended on the ability of "loyalists" to keep

the existing parties in being.
On that analysis, the old Liberal

Party should never have split and declined, making way for Labour. Nor should the Tories have split

over the Corn Laws. The truth is

that parties wax and wane, some

dying some altering their shape, according to changing needs. To an honest mind, all political

loyalty must be ultimately conditional: a politician can stay with a party through a certain amount of disagreement on subsidiary

ciples it is time to go.

sees David Owen.

making appropriate changes from "socialism" to "social dem-ocracy". But what does that signify other than that Owen had decided to call the same thing by another name since his old party would have none of it? Are Roy Jenkins and the rest of the SDP traitors too? Since Foot's kind of socialism

always has more sentiment than charity we should not be shocked. We should rather welcome the reminder of how ill-fitted Labour still is to govern, and how right the Social Democrats were to make bonest men and women of themselves hy leaving it.

* Loyalists and Loners (Collins, £15).

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Delayed action packed

We interrupt this page to bring you a British Telecom announcement: Hello. Have you got one of those new phones where you don't dial, you simply press buttons? Better still, have you got one of those really new phones where you don't. even press buttons, you just use the memory to get the number for you? Fun, isn't it? And yet so

simple.

wish to work within the par-

liamentary system but also want a

new social and political order

But you've probably noticed one rather odd thing however quickly you press the buttons, it still takes as long as ever for the number at the other end to ring. So after you've done your buttoowork, you have to wait for 20 or 30 seconds while nothing happens. And that takes time: about 20 or 30 seconds, in fact. We'd be the first to admit that

this can be annoying, especially if at the end of all those seconds you get a wrong oumber or a high-pitched whining noise. None of us likes sitting placidly for 20 or 30 seconds when we could be doing something better. So that's why, instead of speeding up the dialling system, we've produced a little booklet called You Could Be Doing Something Better.

Yes, we've actually dreamed up a whole host of ideas for ways to fill in that time to your advantage But don't take our word for it listen to some of today's people who are using that wait in their own particular way... Sir Boris Trelforth, top civil servant: "I am learning Spanish.

While I am waiting for a number to ring, I find I can learn several words at a time — and believe me, with the number of phone calls I have to make, that's a lot of vocabulary! The only snag is that when the number finally rings and is answered, I tend to start talking in Spanish. Mucho comico, no? Ken Spriggett, best-selling thriller writer: "I usually spend the time killing off another character in my

wait for 20 or 30 seconds doing nothing. While I am waiting for

the number to ring, I make

another phone call."

Wilson Corona, Formula 1 racing driver: "Most Grand Prix cars are now equipped with phones, so during a race I often call up my fellow drivers to annoy them. Sometimes I pretend it's a wrong number, or perhaps I cricitize their driving - they hate that When I'm waiting for the number to ring I like to wave the receiver at the driver next to me and shout: 'It's for you!' We need more humour in motor racing.

These are just some of the many ideas contained in our new booklet, along with knitting playing the piano, yoga and Look-Like-Sylvester-Stallone exercises. But Wilson Corona's comments bring us to a very serious subject: telephoning while driving a car. More and more of us have a phone in our car, which can lead to dangerous driving and accidents, and that can only bring British Telecom into discepute. So for heaven's sake, try to obey the following simple rules about phoning 'n' driving.

 Dial only at a red light. Never answer the phone on a hairpin bend ● Do not feed the phone cord through the steering wheel.

Do not gesticulate in a French, least of all Italian, manner.

Turn off your car stereo while

 Never use two phones at the same time. • Leave your phone concealed while your car is parked. Other-

wise the car may be vandalized by passers-by, and there is nothing worse than coming back to find a car full of empty cider bottles and graffiti reading "Rita, Lovely Model - 246 8091". • If you are involved in a fatal crash while phoning do replace the receiver before going un-conscious. Otherwise your call will be very expensive.

new novel." Justin Canteloupe, Young Stock-broker of the Year: "The speed I A British Telecom announcement work at, I simply can't afford to

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WHAT OIL CRISIS?

When the world was told in the seventies - by the Club of Rome, Presideot Carter's Commission oo global problems and assorted doomsayers - that the energy crisis was a permanent feature of our lives. it occurred to few people that the crisis in question might one day consist of falling oil prices and a world glut. Had they been so informed, they would have wondered in what sense these developments con-

It is understandable that the finance ministers of oilproducing countries should speak in crisis terms. They are watching their revenues and iovestment projects shrink hourly. But when the United States Vice-President George Bush compares free-falling oil prices to a parachutist minus his parachute, the economics of oil plenty evidently need spelling out.

stituted a crisis rather than a

benefit

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What is happening today is the reversal of the two oil shocks of the seventies. Since they produced world inflation, severe recessioo and a transfer of wealth to a small oumber of oil-producing conotries, reversing them would seem to be in the general interest. Which is, indeed, the case. Lower oil prices will mean lower industrial costs, higher world economic growth, and less inflationary pressure. It is a shot of adrenalin for the world economy.

There are, of course, losers. But except for a few cases of countries and companies whose income is derived overwhelmingly from oil, even losers regaio on the roundabouts some of what they lose oo the swings.

Mexico is an interesting example. It is an oil-producing country which planned large investment projects oo greatoil expectations. It now faces huge debt repayment problems

recognition of the realities of

late twentieth century Britain.

The only cause for regret is

that such an eminently sen-

sible decision was not of the

government's own making but

had to be forced oo it by the

Britain has one of the high-

est proportions of working

women in Europe. That

proportion is increasing and

there is every sign that it will

continue to do so, oot so much

because womeo have to work

(though many do), but because

for women thao they are for

ing jobs traditionally regarded

At the same time, the ratio-

nale behind the old arrange-

ment, which provided for a

five-year gap between retire-

ment ages on the grounds that

women were on average five

as male preserves.

European Court

(which, oonetheless, the international banking community has so far managed to juggle successfully.)

Yet the Mexican economy is more diversified than the economies of Gulf producers. It can therefore hope to enjoy some offsetting benefits from the falling dollar, lower interest rates and more rapid growth of the American economy next door.

The Gulf producers, on the other hand, can react to declining oil revenues by cutting back on civil investment projects which are ambitious rather than strictly oecessary. They may dislike that - but doubtless Pharaoh disliked cutting down on pyramids in lean years.

That leaves a few countries - of which Nigeria is the most obvious example - which combine little industrial diversification, collapsing oil revenues and major, statefinanced capital projects. Their plight is real, but selfinflicted. Though world financial institutions will doubtless provide short-term adjustment assistance, it must be oo the understanding that longterm retrenchment is unavoid-

Both Mexico and Nigeria will, of course, pose a problem for those American banks. Their loan security has suddenly shrunk. Nonetheless, the long-advertised debt crisis is unlikely to explode. Most developing countries with outstanding debts are not oil producers. They benefit from the oil price collapse.

And one little-ooticed benefit of cheap oil is that Iran and-Iraq will find the sinews of war increasingly expensive.

In Britain, oil and oil-related industries account for six percent of gross national product. Unless tails wag dogs, the depressed outlook for that six percent is more than offset by the boost that lower energy again.

FREEDOM TO WORK

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The second secon

Getting Land Rovers on the road

From Mr R. M. H. Duncan Sir, As a director of a multinational company's subsidiary in Nigeria I control a small fleet of vehicles, including a dozen with four-wheel drive, and have always had the greatest admiration for the design concept of Land Rover and Range Rover. However, the design detail and quality control in manufacture is very poor.

prices will give to the other 94

That would be so if the UK

economy were a closed unit. It

is doubly true of a trading

economy which benefits from

mcreased economic activity in

the world economy in which

about two-thirds of trade is

carried oo between OECD

Only two real losers spoil the

outlook for Britain - compa-

nies with heavy investment in

marginal North Sea oilfields,

where the cost of production

now outweighs the revenue,

and the Treasury. The compa-

nies have little choice but to

accommodate to the new eco-

nomic reality by writing down

their assets, cutting dividends,

and curbing their plans for

exploration, talk. That is what

But the Treasury, though

facing a major revenue loss,

has some room for manoeu-

vre. There will be an un-

quantifiable, offsetting

revenue increase from the

higher profits of non-oil

companies. Uotil this year,

moreover, the Treasury had underestimated North Sea oil

revenues with suspicious

consistency. And finally the

British government is running

one of the lowest deficits in the

It is this relatively prudent

fiscal stance which helps to

explain why the Pound and the

Stock Market have both per-

formed steadily in the face of

an oil price fall which forecast-

ers at year ago would have

expected to be accompanied

by chaotic trading in both. It

would be a bold forecaster oow

find it politically possible to

And there is one little-

noticed domestic benefit of the

oil price fall. Governments

need oever fear Arthur Scargill

step towards a later retirement

age for women across the

board. Yet others will be from

those - of both sexes - who

hoped for equality in the

cut taxes next year.

industrialised world.

risk capital is all about.

percent

countries

I purchased one of the first Range Rovers exported to Malawi. Withio weeks, a number of faults developed, showing that the detail design was inadequate for prolonged use on poor roads. These faults were common to all Range Rovers in Malawi at that

In Nigeria, my company initially purchased Land Rovers. However, in 1982, we started buying Nissan Patrols because they were more reliable, more comfortable and cheaper. Due to import restrictions we were forced back to Land Rovers last year.

Of the five Land Rovers purchased (all the new 110 series) two are off the road permanently, due to assembly faults and a complete lack of spares. We purchased a Range Rover three months ago which was delivered with a host of assembly faults and has developed even more. Although these vehicles were assembled in Nigeria by Leyland Nigeria Limited, we have also purchased large numbers of Peugeot cars and light trucks which are extremely reli-

Land Rover and Range Rover are in dire need of new management to improve their design and quality control. The alternative is to see them lose, totally, their already diminishing market share to the aggressive and efficient Japanese. In that contest is it worth the debate as to who owns the companies? Yours faithfully

RICHARD DUNCAN, PO Box 413, Zaria,

March 23.

who would predict that, de-From Mr Noel Falconer spite the expected revenue Sir, The situation at Leyland loss, the Chancellor will oot

of noble art Vehicles is desperate and requires urgent action. That at Land Rover

is not. There is time for a proper privatization, that very many employees and shareholders and plain British citizens would welcome. This must be attempted, if LR is oot essential to the disposal of LV. There is no case whatsoever for panic-selling LR to the corporate

executive who heads the failed LV and who absents himself from his desk at this critical point in its history! - and to four managers, and nobody else from the firm. This is not an employee takeover that might deserve favoured treatment; indeed such treatment

would appear to constitute an abuse of the minority" that could be blocked legally. Yours sincerely, NOEL FALCONER 223 Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazei Grove, Stockport, March 26.

Attitudes to US

From Mr Kenneth J. Moss Sir, Surely Messrs Sheehy, Durham and Walters (March 28) misunderstand the source of the general unease about increasing US investment in the UK. Few people doubt the advantages they point out; few people have unfriendly feelings towards the United States.

Nevertheless, it cannot be wise for any country to allow another one to have too large an interest in its economy. To do so is to open the door to pressures that may not always be welcome, as the investing country seeks - reasonably enough - to protect its own interests.

Indeed, the friendlier the investing country, the harder it may be to resist such pressure. The wise man avoids becoming too much beholden to his friend. Yours faithfully KENNETH J. MOSS. 8 Gilman Road. Norwich, Norfolk.

Signals to the East From Sir John Lawrence

Sir, I am glad to see from Mary Dejevsky's article on the BBC's Russian services (March 27) that lively argument about the purpose and scope of these valuable broad-casts—continues. But may the argument come once more to the conclusion that the purpose of the service is to provide truthful information to people who would otherwise go without" and that thus service, bei one of the bes investments HMG have made in the last 40 years, should continue to be financed by a Foreign Office

The argument goes on forever. and quite right too, but the right conclusion is what it has always been. More than 40 years ago, I was European Iotelligence Officer and later European Services Organiser for the BBC. In the days of the phoney war we used to get letters protesting against the quiet, objective and (as some thought) duli tone of the BBC's news.

Why couldn't we be like the

that regional variations are even 'Degree days' From Professor Thomas A.

Markus Sir. Recent debates about climate and heating allowances have highlighted the irrationality of the present system. The Department of Geography at Lancaster University (March 5) rightly points out that all the data for rational allocation of fuel subsidies are readily available. But Kenneth Hutchison's retro-

grade proposal (March 5) to reintroduce "degree days", in place of this year's attempts by DHSS staff to guess subjectively the severity of the weather, would put the clock back to an almost equally unsatisfactory earlier system. "Degree days" assume that climatic severity is only deter-mined by temperature. But a much better "climatic severity index" (CSI) is now available developed by this department with Scottish Development Department funding.

The CSI additionally takes into account sunshine availability and wind, which significantly affect fuel consumption. The CSI shows

March 28 Americans and put more pep into it? But when the real war started the calm tone and unswerving objectivity of the BBC brought a rich and lasting reward. Never mind if Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America are winning more of the youthful listeners at

the present time.

Let us be content with our present estimated fourteen million listeners in the Soviet Union and our by now legendary reputation as the only completely reliable source of news.

I have only one suggestion to make. We ought oot to broadcast in Russian alone but also in other major languages of the Soviet Union. The Government would have to increase its grant to the BBC but the sums involved are not large and the returns in goodwill would be enormous if past experience is anything to go

Yours faithfully, JOHN LAWRENCE, 24 St Leonard's Terrace, SW3. March 27.

larger than those indicated by

"degree days". If Kew is given an index of 100, on "degree days" Eskdalemuir is 130 and Lerwick 145. But using CSI they become 163 and 169 respectively. In other words, a Highlands house uses 69 per cent more fuel a year to maintain identical conditions to those in an identical house in London.

But any system which bases severe weather allowances on the average weather in a region - whether assessed subjectively, by "degree days" or by CSI - is totally absurd and unjust. Thus a London claimant receives extra money for weather which is "average" in Aberdeen, where it attracts no extra over a basic, uniform, na-tional rate which assumes that climate does not affect one's fuel

Yours sincerely, THOMAS A. MARKUS, University of Strathclyde, Department of Architecture and Building Science, 131 Rottenrow, Glasgow.

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Any enlightened company director when considering pricing policy will take into account the interests of his shareholders, his employees and his customers, as well as those of the wider public; and the Chancellor must not complain if the directors of BP, in reacting to his Budget, choose to

The Prime Minister urges all of us, as customers, to shop around for petrol. Has she forgotten that, thanks to her, we are all shareholders now, and may actually benefit from higher prices at the pump? Yours truly. JOHN TEARLE,

The 'workers'

Sir, I disagree with Dr Doig (March 24). There is oothing emotive or divisive about the term employers and employees. It is, as it should be impersonal, and its usage is clear and accepted.

The "secret" of German eco-

7 Raby Place, Bath. Avon.

Forest Row,

From Margaret Marchioness of Aherdeen Sir, Many years ago my husband was chairman of a steel works in Sheffield. He had no difficulty in finding the right word to include managers and workers - he always said "we". Yours faithfully

Ignoble effects

From Dr Helen C. Grant Sir. Your second leader in the issue of March 25 is a good deed in a naughty world. Cerebral damage is caused by boxing because causing cerebral damage is the aim of the game. Your proposal to limit the sport to the age of consect is to be applauded as a first step in limiting the amount of cerebral damage.
I note with dismay, however,

that the British Boxing Board of Cootrol has succeeded in seducing you with their propaganda about the "medical precautions" they

have introduced.
"Propaganda"? Yes, propa ganda, because the Board is aware that they will find nothing in active professional boxers. That is why they carry out these "medical precautions" amid much pub-licity. The beginnings of damage to the brain can only be detected wheo a boxer dies unexpectedly early and his brain is carefully examined under the microscope (which is what I will be doing to Steve Watts's brain).

To quote yourself, Sir, "re-peated blows to the head... produce cumulative and irreversible brain damage." Quite; and some years will elapse before the millions of destroyed nerve cells are replaced by scar tissue. Only then will the shrivelled brain be demonstrated by "investigations." Then it is too late: the victim is

Now, after another well-publicized death due to boxing trauma, we hear the ritual lamentations about some sports being dangerous. Boxing is not just a dangerous sport. To quote you. Sir, once more: "causing hurt and injury to an opponent is the very aim of the sport."

Furthermore, this aim is cere bral injury so that madness is the result. For each of the 300-odd dramatic boxing deaths recorded world-wide since the last war there are unrecorded numbers of punchdrunk dements who creep away into mental institutions. The outside world only gets to know about the occasional famous ooe.

Yours faithfully, H. C. GRANT. 10 Antrim Grove, NW3. March 26.

From Mr R. A. B. Gowlland Sir, There is much io your leader on boxing with which any fairminded supporter of the sport must agree, However, most of your strictures apply to professional boxing amateur boxing, as enjoyed in many voluntary youth clubs throughout the country, is very different in both ourpose and effect.

In amateur boxing, the object tive is not to hurt the other man. It is to score points. The one who does oot get hit is the one who wins, and it is for this reason that the sport is known as "the ooble art of self defence."

Most people who have worked in youth clubs will testify to the benefits of amateur boxing. It keeps the boys off the streets and provides an outlet in training and competition for their natural aggression. It teaches them sportsmanship, self discipline, pride in fitness, the joy of comradeship and a great deal of courage.

It is my experience that those boys who have been involved in amateur boxing at a youth club are the ones who support the clubs in later life, giving back of their time, energy and money to those clubs which supported and helped them when they were young. Are we to throw away these significant advantages which arise through amateur boxing because of the small risks, voluntarily accepted by those taking part, in the professional game? Yours faithfully, ROBIN GOWLLAND,

87 Jermyn Street, SW1. March 27.

Ordination of women

From the Headmaster of Nottingham High School Sir. As an historian I was once amused to find that a member of Charles Il's Parliament had expressed the wish that Englishmen would "always worship in the way that Christ ordained", meaning by this that they would use the Prayer Book of 1662! As a member of the Anglican Communion I am less amused to find the Bishop of London perpetrating a similar

Bishop Graham, in his letter of March 27, challenges the right of the Anglican Church to consecrate a woman hishop on the grounds that Article XXXIV allows change only to rites ordained by man's authority. Am I wrong to thinking that the rites of ordination at present used by the Church of England derive from Acts of Parliament of 1559 and 1662 and that they include significant differences from those used in earlier

If this is the case am I to conclude that the Almighty changed his mind about the constitution of our Church in the sixteenth and seventeeoth centuries, and that he did this oot once but several times?

I have no doubt that God ordaiced that there should be a ministry but I believe he left it to his people to decide what form that ministry should take and to make changes when this became

Nottingham High School, Wzverley Mount, Nottingham. March 28.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 3 1964

A short extract from the last of three long articles on the Conservative Party (April 1, 2, 3). Their appearance created something of a sensation in political - and social - circles, and they elicited a valuminous and

varied correspondence from readers. There was considerable peculation as to the identity of "A Conservative". At The Times his name was, indeed still is, o secret. for only one person knew it, the then Editor, to whom anonymity was, and still is, sucrosunct.

A party in search of o pattern—3

The Field Where the Biggest Failures Lie

By A Conservative

The Conservative Party must therefore stand pat oo the distinc-tion between the areas where omic criteria apply and when therefore the principles of capital-ism must reign, and the areas where other criteria then economic are accepted. Plain though this touchstone is, and vital to the party's coherence and good conscience, it is extraordinary how haphazardly and un-analytically Conservatives have applied it. It should enable them to take full account of the common purposes of society and of the charitable npulses - in the widest sense of the term - of society and its members. These are purposes and impulses which the Conservative Party, in opposition alike to utilitarians, to laisser-faire liberals, and to individualists, has always assertd and championed. The right of

POVERTY

The relief of poverty in cash or

kind, money or bread, is the plainest object of the charitable

mpulse in individuals or societies

We are no longer accustomed in

Britain to the use of such naked

terminology - in other countries, even the Uoited States, it is still

permissible officially to mention

poverty - but the concept affords

the most convenient starting point for discussioo. Fortunately it is

unnecessary to define poverty

except to say two things about its

meaning in this cootext. First, it is the condition of a relatively small

ninority - the idea of poverty, as

applied to a substantial proportion

or even the majority of a communi-ty, is something quite different. Secondly, the "poverty line", wher-ever one chooses to draw it, moves

upwards as the standards of life of

the large majority rise. Harsh though the judgment may seem, it

s in the relief of poverty that the

iggest failures of Conservative policy in the past 12 years lie Consequently it is there that some

f the largest changes are called for

Relief of poverty in kind, the wayfarer's dole at the monastery

ate, belongs to a primitive society

n the modern world only cash is

tolerable, for more reasons than one: it enables the adequacy of the

benefit - the standard of living

issumed - to be clerly seen and

measured; it gives the recipient freedom and dignity, the power within limits to choose the compo-

sition of his living standard and oot have it dictated for him by the

donor, and as a consequence, it

gears in with the general mecha

rism of production to ensure that

the demands of consumers general-

v, including the poor, are efficient-

satisfied. The Conservatives set

out boldly 12 years ago by commut-ing the food subsidies for selective

cash benefits, and they have done

everal useful oddments since, like

abolishing the tobacco concession

and resisting all manner of case ments in kind for "the old-age

pensioner". But from the hig

hallenges, pensions and housing

THE BOLD ACT

The Beveridge social security sys-

tem of uniform benefits for all, inadequate in poverty but increas-

ingly superfluous for others, as

continue to grow, has been main taioed and edged upwards just

behind the nstional assistance standard (if rent is included).

hich remains the actual guaran-

tee against poverty. Instead of meeting the challenge, successive

Conservative governments, amid

the growing restiveness of their

supporters, have not only kept

Beveridge intact but put on top of

it a "graduated scheme", which will

presently become unworkable as

more and more stand to gain by

cootracting out. Now they find

themselves confronted by the La-bour Party's bid to nationalize

private saving for security by a comprehensive scheme of "half-

pay on retirement". The time has

never seemed right for the bold act

of stepping off the escalator and

finding a way back to the purpose

of guaranteeing, wherever neces

sary, a cash income generously

adequate for the basic needs at

current prices. . . .

Elision course

From Mr Leslie Fielding

avings, personal and institutional

they have run away.

the state to act and to interfere on hese grounds is one of the basi enets of Conservatism.

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Sir. The elided English of some of today's newsreaders takes a lot of swallowing. The Pry-Mister, the Chance-a-Chequer and the Brish-Gum surely deserve fuller mention. Is Co-Stree the coal industry or the Coldstream Guards? If normal diction is not rapidly restored, we shall be even less un-

stood by our Ewer-peer partners. (I write as what might be called a Loyal sizn of the Nye-King of Gray-Brit-Nor-Nisle.) Yours seer-ly. LESLIE FIELDING, Rue de la L01 200. B-1049 Brussels, Belgium.

. Kington endows the worker with a sense of dignity and purpose. and gives companionship and. diversioo - are no less valid men. This point is sometimes drowned in the volume of complaints (not from men alone) to the effect that women have increasingly been enter-

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leaving the five-year differen-

would have to be reversed.

changed.

where in the developed would, tend to live longer than men. If this fact were taken to its logical conclusion, the existing differential in retirement ages The reluctance of any Brit-

The government's decision to bands, is out of date. It is also their earlier retirement as a allow women to retire at the contradicted by the fact that release from drudgery, who

ish government hitherto, Labour or Conservative, to go even half way towards recognizing these realities derives largely from the es-timated cost. Current calculations suggest that retirement would have to be fixed at out of economic necessity just over 64 if men and women were to retire and collect their they want to. The arguments pensions at the same time with for work in general - that it no extra cost to the Exchequer. It is presumably on the basis of these figures that the government has chosen to allow women to retire later, while

been by equal rights legisla-tion. Others will be from

bound to lead to objections. Some will be from men, of all ditional advantages to employers - among them the extra years they work towards their further than they already have

tial in pensionable ages un-This compromise decision is ages, concerned that their trapensions - will be eroded

pensionable age. This last is the only valid objection. If women want equal status at work, and there is every sign that they do, then retirement, like everything else, must be

oo equal terms. But this does oot preclude a degree of flexibility. For everyone, man or woman, who is able and willing to work past the age of 60, there are others for whom retirement cannot come soon enough. Some have wearied of their jobs, others are in failing health, others without paid employment would wel-

their unemployed status for that of pensioner. It is for this reason that the overnment's decision to allow women to continue working until 65 can only be a first stage. The discriminatory provision which allows women to collect their state pension at 60, while men have to wait another five years, must be phased out and replaced by a flexible retirement age applicable to men and women

come the chance to exchange

women looking forward to years younger than their hus-THE FALKLANDS FUTURE

Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary-General of the United Nations is due in Buenos Aires today for talks with the Argentine government - which is expected to press its case for negotiations with Britam over sovereignty of the Falkland Islands. But neither is likely to work out a formula which will settle that vexed issue. Four years after Argentine forces invaded the islands, 94.5 per cent of the people who live there have just said that they want to stay

British. The results of the unofficial referendum which was carried out for the UK Falkland Islands Committee, have hardly come as a surprise. It would have had more value had it allowed the islanders a second option. Assuming that their first choice was continuing British sovereignty, what would be their secood? Would it be some leaseback arrangement? Or administratioo under the trusteeship of the United Nations? As first choices these were decisively rejected and it is easy to

presented in any other way.

But to do so would have made the exercise more worthwhile, As it is the results only underline the difficulty of the British position. In the Falklands there is a majority whose commitment to the Crown is absolute. Any alternative would be carried through against the wishes of the

people who live there. There are wider issues affecting Britain and its 56th people. But four years is a short time in international politics - especially after a war in which so many died. Such arguments are for tomorrow not today - and the Argentine government must understand

that this is so. The difficulty President Alfonsin has over accepting the long-standing British iovitation to cormalise relations on related issues, suggests that he understands it only too cepted the British offer to Falklands graves. It is unwill- better relations.

understand why they were not ing to discuss the reopening of air links with this country - or to allow British goods to be

alike. That is the next bar-

imported. It has oot even taken advantage of the announcement by Whitehall last Summer that Argentine imports would once more be permitted to enter Britain. Argentine exports to this country totalled £2m worth last year - slightly up on the £150,000 or so of the previous two or three years but hardly to be compared with the £125m which they were

earning before the war

Whatever President Alfonsin does, it would probably not alter very radically the findiogs of this latest "referendum". But a renewal of diplomatic and commercial contact between the two countries would do more than merely bring economic benefits. The time for sovereignty to be written into the agenda well. Argentina has never ac- for Anglo-Argentine negotiations may not be yet. But if it is repatriate its war dead or to ever going to dawn it is more allow next-of-kin to visit their likely to do so in a climate of

Price of petrol

From Mr. John Tearle Sir, Having disposed of a majority the ioterests of a wider shareowning democracy, it ill behoves the Government to lecture the oil companies on their obligations to the public interest.

give greatest weight to the interests of the shareholders who elected

Pathside, Frithsden Copse, Berkhamsted, Hampshire. March 22.

From Mr D. H. Hackel

nomic success is not to be sought in semantics. The German Arbeitgeber, with a little help from the State, iovested. Welfare for the Arbeitnehmer, with a little push from the State, followed. Yours faithfully, D. H. HACKEL

MARGARET ABERDEEN Sycamore Cottage,

centuries?

appropriate. DENNIS WITCOMBE

Professor Clark argued that

the models and even the myths such moralizing philoso-bers as Boethius, Marcus

Aurelius, and Epictetus are

still valid in our new world of

The consolation of phil phy is still the consolation of

those who respond to God's call to wake up from a dream

and see the world as it really

"What are we here for?" is still a philosophical, not a meaningless, question to be committed to the flames. Dr Adrian Gratwick of St Andrews University dis-

coursed lucidly of the texture

of early Latin verse; and declaimed some of the rousing

old rhythms that are the

bedrock of western poetry.

Dinners

Mrs J. Whitfield

Birthdays today

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, MP, 61; Mr Jeffery Bowman, 51; Mr Marion Brando, 62; Canon A.D. Caesar, 62; Mr Dennis Farr, 57; Sir Alistair Frame, 57;

Farr, 57; Sir Alistair Frame, 57; the Duke of Grafton, 67; Herr Helmut Kohl, 56; Mr Jonathan Lynn, 43; Vice-Admiral Sir Alan McNicoll, 78; His Honour J.C. Maude, QC, 85; Lord Justice Nourse, 54; Mr James Phemister, 93; Sir John Ricks, 76; Sir Godfrey Style, 71; Mr F.H. Tate, 73; Lieutenant-Color

F.H. Tate, 73; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Thomson, 78; Professor Kathleen Tillotson, 80; Sir John Walley, 80.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Huw Wheldon, former

life of Sir Huw Wheldon, former Managing Director of BBC Television, will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon oo Wednesday, May 7, 1986. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets to: The Receiver General, Room 7, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SWIP 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by Wednesday, April 23. Tickets will be posted on Wednesday, April 30. All are welcome.

Society

Fettes College

As a result of the recent examinations the following

cholarships have been awarded

for 1986; Chenevix-Trench Memorial Scholarship ship and Crawlord Music Scholarship: Aladair Kennedy (Fettes Junior School)

Alandur Kennedy (Fettes Jumor School)
Joannides Scholarship: Emily Taylor (Fockwood Haugh, Shrewsbury).
Fullanten Cann Scholarship: Ann Henburn (St Mary's School, Meisusc), Mitchell Walson Scholarship: and music scholarship: Care McCoubrey (Fettes Junior School).
Minor scholarship: Tamothy Butler (Carqitheid, Edinburgh).
Services scholarship: Temothy Butler (Carqitheid, Edinburgh).
Services scholarship: Jeremy Küpptrick (Ballymena Academy).
Music scholarship: Trmothy Ctyde (Fettes Junior School).

Sir Huw Wheldon

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 2: The Queen was represented by Sir Paul Scoon (Governor General of Grenada) at the Requiem Mass for Sir Leo de Gale (formerly Governor General of Grenada) which was held in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Si George's this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE Apri) 2: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Immediate Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Ferriers, this afternoon attended a Meeting of the Adjudications of the Further Education Awards for 1986 at the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, Belgrave Square, London SWI

CLARENCE HOUSE April 2: Queen ELizabeth The Queen Mother this morning opened the British Sporting Art Trust Gallery at the National Horse Racing Museum, New-market. Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's

Flight.
Lady Angela Oswald and Sir
Martin Gilliat were in

tion in the Royal Train this

morning.
His Royal Highness opened His Royal Highness opened British Acrospace's new Space Engineering Building at Filton. Bristol and received a briefing on the interception of Halley's Comet by the Spacecraft Gotto. The Prince of Wales subsequently visited the Freeland Buildings Project of the Zenzele Self Build Housing Association Ltd at Eastville, Bristol.

His Royal Highness later travelled to Royal Air Force Northolt in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Queen's Flight. Lieutenant-Colonel Brian onthorities.

Anderson was in attendance.
The Prince of Wales, Patron.
the London Welsh Rugby Football Club, accompanied by The
Princess of Wales, this evening
attended the Centenary Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel. London WI.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson were in attendance. deni of the Institute of the Motor Industry, will present the for 1985 at the Connaught Rooms on April 8.

attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 2: The Prince of Wales
arrived at Bristol Parkway Staarrived at Bristol Parkway Staattendance.

Prince Michael of Kent will
attend a meeting of the trustees
of the National Motor Museum
at Beaulieu on April 18.

A recount for ancient polls

Professor Stephen Clark of

The marriage took place on Tuesday, April I, in Farcham, Hampshire, between Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Crispin Swinhoe and Miss Josephine

The marriage took place quietly on March 26, 1986, in London

between Mr Christopher James Fayers, son of the Rev Douglas and Mrs Fayers, and Miss Sarah Elizabeth Ward, younger daugh-ter of Mrs Mary Ward and the late Mr George Ward.

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 22, at St John's

Church, Belmont, Surrey, be-tween Mr Robert Hull, son of Mr and Mrs N. Hull, of Narberth, Dyfed, and Miss Sally

Hands, younger daughter of the late Mr Thomas Hands and of

Mrs Hands, of Cheam, Surrey.

The marriage took place on April 2, in Edinburgh, of Briga-dier David McConnel, Towerburn, Denholm, and Miss

Rosemary Allison, Meadows House, Edinburgh.

Dowager Viscountess Davidson, Barooess Northchurch, of Black

Notley, Essex, left estate valued at £224,918.

Latest wills

Brigadier D.W. McConnel and Miss R.M. Allison

Loung.

Mr R. Hall

and Miss S.P. Hands

Mr C.J. Fnyers and Miss S.E. Ward

than 30,000, rather than 21,000. There were 500,000 Public opinion polls and other forms of computerized headcounting and number games are the bread and marg of Those statistics have impor-

tant consequences for the polimodern politics. At the joint meeting of the Classical Associations of Scottics and history of the period, and sophisticated techniques land and England in Glasgow yesterday, Dr M H Hansen of Copenhagen University ap-plied tha new techniques to the can now be applied to rewrit-ing much ancient history. Politicians, like the earth, are flattened at the polls, but polls conducted across the politics of 24 centuries ago, and reached some revolutionmillennia are an exciting new

ary conclusions.

It is now possible to calculate scientifically the demography of the ancient world, form of illumination for old politics Liverpool University gave a revivalist account of the ancorrecting the miscalculations and old errors of unscientific fashionable notion of Philosophy as o consolation. Some

Dr Hansen demonstrated modern analytic philosophy may seem to those outside the game like crossword puzzles: o that the population of male citizens of Athens in the time trivial pursuit for an idle hour. of Demosthenes was more

Appointments Marriages

Latest appointments include:
Mr Justice Tucker to be a
Presiding Judge on the Midland
and Oxford Circuit in place of
the late Mr Justice Skinner. Viscount Camrose and Princess Joan Aly Khan The marriage has taken place quietly abroad between Viscount Camrose and Princes Mr Justice Ognall, aged 52, to be a member of the Judicial Studies Board and chairman of its criminal subcommittee in Joan Aly Khan. Surgeon Lieutenant Co C.F. Swinkoe, RN, and Miss J.S. Young succession to the late Mr Justice

Tudor Price. Lady Lloyd, wife of Sir Anthony Lloyd, and Dr Martin Richards to be members of the council of the Tavistock Institute of Medi-

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.T. Bunbary and Miss A.C. Green

The engagement is announced between Charles Thomas, younger son of the late Sir William Bunbury, Bt. and Pamela Lady Bunbury, of Hollesley, Suffolk, and Amanda Carol, younger daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs John Green, of Chelsca Park Gardens, London, SW 3.

Mr R.W. Cook and Miss C.M. Toovey The engagement is announced Mr and Mrs B.W.J. Cook, of Strettington, Sussex, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Toovey, of Funtington, Sussex.

Mr C.J. Gaskartb and Miss J.E. Hatchings The engagement is announced

between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Robert F. Gaskarth, of Irthington, Cumbria, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs John A. Hutchings, of St Albans, Hertfordshire,

Mr T.J. Millington-Drake and Miss K.R. Carlin

The engagement is announced between Tristan James, elder son of the late Mr James Millington-Drake and of Mrs Millington-Drake, and Kathleen Regina, daughter of the late Mr Leonard Carlin and of Mrs Carlin, of Iowa, United States. Mr A. Gershfield

and Miss L.S. Jacobson The engagement is announced between Aaron, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ivor Gershfield, and Laura Susanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald M. Jacobson, all of London. Mr P.G.F. Hanratty

and Miss P.L. Roberts The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Dr and Mrs J.F. Hantatty, of Westminster, and Paula, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Roberts,

Kidderminster. Worcestershire, Mr M.J. Leeson and Miss H.E. Moore

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mrs B. Leeson and the late Mr S.C. Leeson, of Eastcote, Middlesex. and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.K. Moore, of Putney Heath, London.

Mr G.M.B. Mailer-Howat and Miss MLJ, Nelson The engagement is announced between Gavin Mailer-Howat, Argyll and Sutherland High-landers, younger son of Lieuten-ant-Colonel and Mrs G.M.M. Mailer-Howat, of Monks Park, Wadhurst, Sussex, and Melissa, eldest daughter of Commander P.G. Nelson, of Oslo, Norway, and Mrs E. St V. Troubridge, of Blackheath, London, SE3. Mr R.H.C. Phillips and Miss J.A. Garton

The engagement is announced between Henry, elder son of the late Michael Phillips and of Mrs M.H.C. Phillips, of Lavant, West Sussex, and Jacqueline, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs Conrad Garton, of London.

and Miss S.E. Dyson The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs James W. Ritchie, of Lockeridge Down, Marlborough, and Sara Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Dyson, of Spring Place, Hadlow Kent.

Hadlow, Kent. Jonkheer D.A.Van Lennep and Miss N.M.H. Shaw The engagement is announced between Dirk, elder son of the late Jonkheer F.A.D. Van Lennep and Mme Van Lennep, of Lincolnshire, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.H. Shaw, of Johannesburg,

South Africa. Mr T.G. Watkin and Miss M.J. Hamlia

The engagement is announced between Thomas Glyn, son of Mr and Mrs T.G. Watkins, of Cwmparc, Glamorgan, and Mary Jane, daughter of Mr W. Hamlin, of Cardiff, and the late, can champion, W.T. Tilden, left. 159,547 net.

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Science report Soviet plan for Martian space probe

By a Special Correspondent

evaluate the huge volume of data gathered from last month's encounters with Halley's Comet, plans are well under way in Moscow for another space spectacular, code-named

Like the Vega probes, the new Russian spacecraft will be used for an international undertaking, with the collaboration of the European space agency.

But this time the target will be Mars. According to Dr Yuri Zaitsev of the Soviet Space manued probes will be launched in July 1988 and, it is boord. the beginning of 1989.

It is not intended that they should land on the red planet. Instead, they will sail past its and Deimos, photograph them-and Mars itself, and subpurpose of the project will be lo explore the Martian ionosphere, its magnetic fields and what lies beneath the planet's

In preparatory work for the design of Project Phobos, Soviet scientists examined the Earth's ionosphere, a region above the stratosphere. It forms a layer about 40 to 500 miles nbove sea level, which reflects radiowaves, making long-range munications over the Earth

The region was explored some time ago by a Soviet probe, intercosmos 19, with the type of instruments that will be included on the interplanetary

Project Phobos will try to determine the distribution and density of electrons in the Martian ionosphere by probing it with radio signals from an orbiting spacecraft. For the very first time, it should be

As scientists throughout the sequently, land an instrument possible act only to unravel. On the other hand, if that but also to gather data about the Martian magnetic field.

This is important, because the solar wind (a continuous flow of atomic particles stream ing out of the sun directions) affects different planets in different ways. The Earth's magnetic field stops the solar wind from reaching us by deflecting its path at a distance of about 60,000 kilometres

A detailed study of information from previous Soviet-probes has led scientists to conclude that Mars has a very weak magnetic field, estimated to be tens of thousands of times weaker than that of Earth. What is far from clear is whether that is enough to

screen Mars from the solar If it is sufficiently powerful to do that, the upper layers of the Martian ionosphere must be similar to those of the Earth's. Venus (which virtually has no magnetic field) it would mean that its magnetic field is too weak to interfere with the solar

Present astronomical thinking links the emergence of planetary magnetic fields with the inner structure of the planet concerned. The argument goes that any planet with its own magnetic field must have n liquid nucleus and revolve at an appreciable rate.

Yet, there is a drawback to that theory: if Venus has no magnetic field because it rotales too slowly, why has Mars only n very weak magnetic field, although it revolves at roughly the same rate as the Earth, which has n very strong one?

If Project Phobos is successful that should be one of the questions about Mars to be nuswered before the end of the decade.

OBITUARY

ERIK BRUHN

Virtuoso ballet dancer of individual style

mimed role, not dancing a

single step all evening.
Other roles by Balanchine and by several Danish chore-

ographers soon followed, and in 1953 Bruhn first tried his

hand at choreography with Concertette, to music by Mor-ton Gould. When the Royal

Danish Ballet made its British

début at Covent Garden that

Although American Ballet

National Ballet of Canada,

Royal Ballet at Covent Gar-

Nureyev had recently arrived in the West and, on the

Erik Bruhn, the most perfect male dancer of his generation, died on April I in Toronto, aged 57. An interna-tional ballet star of the first rank, he was idolized in his native Denmark and in America where he spent most of his career. His performances in Britain were sadly few but unforgettable.

Bruhn's real name was Belton Evers. He was born on October 3, 1928, in Copenhagen, the son of an engineer who left home when the boy was five. (Much later they met and became good friends.)

Brought up in an all-female home, the boy became silent and introspective, and n doc-tor advised dancing classes as a remedy.

Loadon Welsh Rugby Football Club Beginning at a private school, he took to this new The Prince and Princess of activity with success, entered Wales were present at the Lon-don Welsh Rugby Football Club the Royal Theatre School at don Welsh Rugby Football Club centenary dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Victor Walkins presided and others present included:
The Duches of Norfolk, Lord and Lady Challon. Mr Neil Kinnock, MrP. and Mrs Kirmock, Mr Bichard Tracey, MP, and Mrs Kirmock, Mr Bichard Tracey, Mrs and Mrs Kirmock, Mr Bichard Tracey, Mrs Deahooke, Mr Cliff Morgan, and Mr and Mrs Dudley Wood, Mr Cliff Morgan, and Mr and Mrs Dudley Wood. the age of nine and joined the Royal Danish Ballet eight years later, being confirmed as a permanent member of the company in 1947. His first big role, as Adonis in Harald Lander's Thorvaldsen, revealed his exceptional beauty of person and of dancing.

At once (oo the recommen-Mr and Mrs John Whitfield gave a dinner at County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, last night to mark the installation of dation of a slightly older dancer, Poul Gnatt, who had pursued the same he took leave of night to mark the installation of Mr David Coles as High Sheriff of Surrey for 1986/87. The guests included:
The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey and Lady Hamilton of Dalziell. Mrs Coles. the Chairman of Surrey County Council and Mrs MacCatanae, and sudges of the South East Circuit and their ladies. course) absence to gain quicker expe-rience by dancing with the small Metropolitan Ballet in Britain. On returning to Denmark, Bruhn was cast by Massine to dance both the hussar and the dandy at atternative performances of his revival of Le Beau

Danube. Soon afterwards he apeared for the first time in one of Denmark's greatest classic ballets, as James in La Sylphide, but his attempt to find a personal interpretation did not at that time find

favour. He enjoyed a great success reating the virtuoso leading role in a new, more difficult version of *Etudes* by Harald Lander, and at the other extreme revealed the stagecraft and presence to make a notable impression as

trength of an amateur film of Bruhn's dancing, cagerly sought him out. Bruhn was the male dancer whom Nureyev admired above any other, and their friendship greatly influenced both men, helping Nureyev to adjust to a new environment and stimulating Bruhn to

renewed enthusiasm. A colleague in Russia had described Bruhn as "cold", to which Nureyev responded: "Yes, so cold that it burns

In some roles Bruhn did Junker Ove in Bournonville's indeed show an Apollonian A Folk Tale, which at that time was played entirely as a

ing himself hard to make every single performance bet-

ter than the one before.

He began to suffer from a mysterious series of pains, and in 1972 his malady forced him to give up dancing altogether.

Although the pains were eventually diagnosed as a stomach ulcer and treated operatively. Bruhn was by then in his mid-40s and never tried to return to the more demanding roles of classical

However, during his convalescence he acted with great success in a Danish produc-tion of Rashomon and he returned to the ballet in January 1975 when his dancing of an extract from Miss Julie was one of the most eagerly awaited and applaud-ed items on a star-studded gala

celebrating American Ballet Theatre's 35th anniversary. He became for a while director of the ballet at the Rome Opera House and more recently artistic director of the National Ballet of Canada.

same year, Bruhn's dancing in La Sylphide on the opening night was acclaimed as a triumph of technique and The chief contribution of his later years was as a producer of the classic ballets. Theatre remained Bruhn's chief affiliation, he danced His readings, especially of Swan Lake with Rothbart increasingly with other com-panies. He was for a time a changed to a malevolent woman, were sometimes controversial but never without a core of logic. He nevertheless member of New York City Ballet, toured with the Harkness Ballet and Ruth retained a profound respect for the old style and was the author (in collaboration with Page's company, began a con-tinuing association with the the dance historian Lillian, Moore) of a distinguished textbook, Bournonville and and in 1962 danced with the Ballet Technique, published in den. At that time Rudolf

It is as a dancer of rare quality that he will be chiefly remembered, a virtuoso who pushed his yombful facility to the limits of technical and stylistic perfection, who sought always to put his awesome command of classical ballet to the most expres-

sive use. By his achievements and example he pushed forward the boundaries of his art and influenced an entire generation of other men whose careers will be his monument. For his services to Danish

ballet and its world-wide reputation, he was created a Knight of the Dannebrog in

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SIR HAROLD HARDING

Sir Harold Harding, FEng, a station in bad ground on the past president of the Institu- Isle of Dogs.
tion of Civil Engineers, who. Then came the construction tion of Civil Engineers, who. acted as a consultant to the of escalators at Charing Cross Channel Tunnel Study Group in the 1960s, died on March 27, aged 86.

University of Sussex A man of prodigious stamina and energy, he was involved in some 400 The University of Sussex Society is organizing a series of schools of studies-based reunion sive new work on the London Underground system and a dinners in April and May, 1986, to mark the university's silver long spell during the Second jubilee. Former students and staff may obtain more details of World War repairing bomb damage to deep sewers and Panting, Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton, BNI 9RH. (Telephone 0273-678888). lunnels, chiefly in the East End of London.

Harold John Boyer Harding was born on January 6, 1900, and educated at Christ's Hospital before studying engineering at the City and Guilds College, South Kensington, where he gained a BSc(Eng) in

1922. He then joined John Mowlem and Company, where he was to spend the main part of his career. As assistant engineer, his experience began with the Euston to Camden Town Underground extension (1922-24) and continued with a London County Council stormwater pumping nelling and heavy founda-

station, coinciding with three years in charge of all belowground work on Piccadilly

Circus station escalators and

enjoyable assignments. Harding, with his dry sense stories against himself and one of his favourites was how he and a colleague emerged coated in slime into Piccadilly after surveying a sewer and took a bath in an engineers' shed in the middle of the Circus, claiming to be the only

people to appear nude under the gaze of Eros at five o'clock on a summer afternoon. Besides his repair work throughout the Second World War, he acted as adviser to the Royal Engineers bomb disposal units on shoring up excava-

tions and built concrete petrol barges and concrete monoliths for the Normandy invasion. The failure of the Chingford reservoir in east London in 1937 gave new impetus to the study of soil mechanics, with which, as a specialist in tun-

tions, Harding was closely involved. He was a joint consultant to the Channel Tunnel Study Group from 1958 until 1970 and helped to organize two million pouods' worth of work involving 75 borings at sea and 800 miles of geophysical work. Harding became a member

booking hall, one of his most of the council of the Instituof humour, enjoyed telling tion of Civil Engineers in 1949 and was elected president in 1963. He was a governor of Westminster Technical College. Northampton Engineering College and, for 20 years, a governor of Imperial College, London University. From 1966-67 he was a member of the Aberfan Disaster Tribunal. He was created a knight in

He was made an honorary DSc by the City University in 1970 and six years later was elected a founder fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering. He was founder chairman of the **British Tunnelling Society and** was a fellow of both the City and Guilds of London Institute and the Institution of Civil Engineers.

He married, in 1927, Sophie 🦫 Helen Blair and they had two sons and one daughter.

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BIRTHS

BALLINGER - A son. Charles William Boyd. 10 Caroline Ince Wilson: and Brian. born. 1st April at BMH Rintein BLAND on 22 March. lo Julie and Charles a Gaughler. Daisy Prudence Harriet.

COCKBURN on 24 March to Ruth (nee Bell) and Charles TWINS: Christo-pher (Kit) and Charlotte COGGLE on April 1st 1986 to Louise inee Steketist and Ranald, a son James, a brother for Hannah-Louise. DAWSON - On 22nd March 1986, at Yateley, Hampshire, lo Susan free Maynel and Edward, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Marie, a sister for Autem. SARDNER - On March 26th to Penelo-pe unee Chlorosi and Piers, in Strasbourg, a son, Nicholas Benja-min, a brother for Alexander.

-BONES - To Michael and Ann the Evendenton Lst April, a son, Richard Charles Evenden, a brother for Han-nah and Philippa. RAYE - On 1st April at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Win-chester, to Cazzie mée Fullerton) and Johnny, a son IJames Sebastian Wigramil.

KYRKE-SMITH - On 29th March to Sharon and Anthony a son. Peter Jo-seph, a brother for Edward and Christopher. LUMSDEN - On March 25th to Jane (nee Carrolli and James, a daughter, Camilia Louise, a sister for Rebecca

MAY - On 29th March at Portland Hospital to Rema Maria May tnee Reychiling) wife of John Watson, a son.

WATSON - James Anton Finbar con-gratulates his parents Reina Maria and John on his actival on 29th March at the Portland Hospital. MELGUNO on Friday. 28th March to Diana and Timothy, a son. Lorne. a brother for Francis.

FIRMENT Timothy and Paige are pleased to anhounce the birth of their Gaughter. Sara Anne. on 3 March 1986 and Portland Hospital in London.

PARSONS on March 28th at West London to Alison thee Hamyllon Jonesi and Charles, a son Andrew. RAVENSCROFT On March 25th at St Richard's Chichesier to Stobhan and Raphael, a daughter Scarlett.

RAWLINSON - On 29th March 1986. al Princess Margaret Hospital. Swin-don. to Penelope thee Lettst and John. a son, Anthony St John Lawrence. ROOK - On March 29th at Royal Shrewshurv Hospital, in George and Jane mée Bedsoni, a boy, William, SEEBOHM - To Lualhatl and Frederic a son, Benjamin, on 29th March.

SHEPHARD - On 31st of March 1986 to Annie and Colin. a daughter. hirsty Anne. TEALE on 2nd April to Alison (Nee Wynn) and Jeremy a daughter Sally Jo

DEATHS

BIRT - On 30th March. Phyliks Edith Birt MBE., formerty Assistant Secre-lary of the Parliamentary Labour Party, dearnest setter of Doris Mum-lord. Funeral service at St Paul's Church. Wilton Place. Knightsbridge. London SW1. on Monday 7th April at 11 am. Followed by cremation at Putney Vale. Floral tributes to J H Kenyon Ltd.. 49 Marloes Road W2. by 10 am on the day of the funeral. please.

BLACK - On March 27 al Nutfleid Lodge, Shepherds Hill. Highgate, Lieulenant Colonel William Elits Black M.B.E. R.A. Iret'dt. Inember of the council of the Ex-Service Fellowship Cerifres (E.F.C.). Indicoving invaluable service as Administrator for 10 years. Devoted husband of his late wife Mary. Funeral service al St. Michael's Church. Highgate. Friday Aoril 4 al. 11 am. Flowers to Leverton & Sons Ltd. 212 Eversholl Street NWI. or donations to the E.F.C.. 6 Lower Grosvenor Place. London SWI.

BLASEBY - Cecil Albert, at home, peacefully, on 27in March.

BRAITHWAITE - on Tuesday 1st April. aged 76 years, Margaret Mary Braithwaile (Margaret Mastermani, formerity Director of the Cambridge Language Research Unil. lormerity Vice President of Lucy Cavendish College, wife of Professor R.B. Braithwaite, of 11 Millington Road. Cambridge. BRYARS on March 29th peacefully th BRYARS on March 29th peacefully th Allon General Hosolial Frances An-nelle Bryars aged 88 years. Beloved Auni of Joy. Ann, John and Familes. Funeral on Friday Aoril the 4th at All Saints Church Allon 11 30am. Iollowed by Cremation at Aldershot 12 30pm. Flowers and enoures to Kemp & Stevens Funeral Directors 93 High St. Allon 83177.

CALLENDER - Maisle, on Cood Friday suddenly at home in Rye, dearly loved sister of Ainster and Sheila and of lovec her late twin. Privale cremation on Monday 7th April at Hastings Family flowers only, donations it desired to Rye Church may be sent to the Rectory, Rye, East Sussex.

CAREY - On March 29th, the day be-fore her 39th brithday. Ny Felicia Carey, daughter of the third Baron Ragian and widow of Raymond Marwood Elion Carey, at St Luke's Nursing Home, Scothern, Lincoln.

COLLENGHAM on 24th March in West-minster Hospital. Hosp Ayre Chaplin, MA ICANTABI PHD. aged 38, son of Hillary Chaplin, (formerly Collingham), and the late Norman, stepson of Lesile Chaplin and brighter stepson of Lesile Chaptin and mother of Anthea Larsen. Funeral at St Feock Church, Near Truro, Comwall at 2.50 pm on Friday 4th April. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Friends of Westminster Hospital, c.o Howard Burrows, Penelewey, Feock, Truro, Cornwall TR3 6QY.

JAWIS - On Maundy Thursday 27th

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DAVIS - On Maundy Thursday 27th
March in Birmingham. Monsignor
Henry Francis O.D. M.A.. Protonotary Apostolic. Regulum Mass at St
Chad's Cathedral on 7th April. of
11.30 am. jollowed by burial at
Oscoti College Regulescat to pace. DERVES - On March 21, 1986, brave-by, as be had lived, Richard Oldham Deeves, Crossways, Gerrards Cross, Beloved son of the late Thomas and Lillian, brother of Nancy and loved by a legion of Irlends. The funeral has taken place, if wished, donations to a layourite charity.

House, Oxford. The Ursula Inee Plichowskit, aged 78, after a long liness borne with great courage, An artist and a leacher. Much loved wife of Naky, mother of lons and Ruth and grandmother of Maya. Sonla. Mirlam, Owen and Calla.

ELLIS on March 27th peacefully at home. Reverend Joseph Udhai 2A London, aged 85. Beloved lather of Elizabeth. Service at Fonthill. Gillord. 2.30 pm April 3rd. FAIRCLOUGH - On March 29th 1986. Laurence, aged 94 years, of Middle-ton-on-Sea, Sussex, brother of Doris and Elicen, formerly of Lewisham, Worthing, and Beaconsfield. Crema-tion private.

FORD Air Vice Marshall Howard Foro CB CBE AFC iretired, affectionalety known as Bunny Good Friday, aged 80 No flowers. Donations to R A F Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place. London W I. FREETH H. Andrew, Funeral service at 1 OOpm on Monday 7th April at St Michael's Church, Elmwood Road, Chiswick, London W4, Enquirles and

CRIFFITH-JONES - Angela, peacefully in Madras on March 27th 1986, Funeral look place in Madras on March 29th. Beloved wife of John and daughler of Pamela. Memorial service in London to be announced.

GUBBINS - Edith Abnie Mabel. On 26 March at her home Biedlow, Bucks, widow of Valentine, F25. "I am in eteraty now". Funeral service 11. eleralty now". Funera am. Friday 4 April at B Church. No nowers by am. Friday 4 April at Insensow Parama Church. No flowers by request.

HALL - On March 28th 1986 in bospital. Robert Montague O.B.E. Wing Commander R.A.F. (Rtd) of Folly House. Market Harborough. Advred friend of Julia. Late joint Managing Director of Joseph Cheaney & Sons Ltd. Past member of the Air Cadet Council and past President 1980 & 1981. Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union. Funeral service at Mazket Harborough Parish Church on Monday April 7th at 2.30 p.m. followed by Interment. No Bowers at his own request Donathons please for The Welfare Fund, No. 1084 Squadron (Market Harborough) Air Training Corps to Mr F.O. Keno. 12 Halford Road.

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MERBERT on 29th March, pencefully at Richmond, Mamue, beloved wife of Cyril. Funeral Service at Hickey's Chapel, Sheen Road. Richmond, on Tuesday 8th April at 9 30 am and thereafter to Mortake Crematorium.

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NUBBEERT on Good Friday, very suddenly and peacefully at his home. Donald, much-hoved brother of Muriel and Alam, and dear friend of Tom. Funeral Service at St. Leonard's Church, Apethorpe at 2 pm on Tuesday 8th April followed by private cremation. Family flowers only to the Co-op Chapel of Rest, St Georges Street. Stamford. Donations if desired to the Rotary Club of Peterborough c, o Mr David Patham. 107 Atherion Avenue, Peterborough, PES 6UJ for distribution to charities supported by them.

HIGH on March 27th 1986 at Eastbourne John English aged 82 years very dearty loved husband Wynne, faiher of Robert. Helen and Kay, grandfather of Jacqueline and Steven, Lynda and Darren. Chairman and Managing Director of Viking Paper Company Lid. Viking Paper Services Lid. William C. Haralinon Lid and High. Little and Burrell (H.L.B.) Lid. He will be greatly missed by us all. All enquiries to Haine & Son Lid. 19 South Street. Eastbourne. Susses.

NOLMES - On 29th March 1986, as the result of a transport Company Lide control of the proper of the party of the proper or the proper. HOLMES - On 29th March 1986, as the result of a track accident. Louise Philippa. aged 23 years of 10 Thorniey Road. Fetizstowe, Suffolk.

Nicola. Funeral service al Trimley St Mary Church on Saturday 5th April at 12 noon. Either nowers or it pre-letted donations for the Live Aid Appeal may be sent to Farthing Fu-neral Service, 126 High Road West. Febrstowe. Suffolic.

SUFFICHISON - On 1st April 1986.

James Selior, dearly loved husband of Kathleen, and Gather of Christine and Flong. Funeral private at his own request, No setters, piesse. Family Research early. JAMESON - On March 31st. penceru

JAMESON - On March 31st, peaceta-by. Dorothy Isabel (née Jacobs), aged 95, wife of the late Herbert Mellor, loved and loving stepmother of Da-vid. Denys and Ann (decased), mother-in-law, grandmother and greal-grandmother, Crenation at Golders Green crematorium, small chapel, at 3.40 pm on Monday April 7. No Rowers. Dopations if desired to the Handmaids of Mary. 58 Holland Park, London Will, or to a charity of own choice.

Park London W.I., or to a change of own choice.

LEWIS - On 20th March 1986, End Aritin Lewis, peacefully to Arundet.

LOYD - On March 31, while on holiday in Gloucestershire. Charles Christopher Lloyd aged 79, of Llon's Wood, Llon's Green, Heathfield, Beloved Insband of Brenda, and father of Joanna and John. Funeral service at All Saints Church. Waldron, on Tuesday 8th April at 3 pm. Family flowers only, or donations if wished to Royal National Life Boat Institution, c/o R Jarvis, Funeral Directors, High Street, Corolis-In-Indo, Heathfield, East Sussex, Methorial Service to be announced later.

LLOYD - Sylvia Constance on Easter

Heathfield. East Sussex. Memorial. Service to be announced later.

LIOYD - Syrvis Constance on Easter Day, peacefully. Much loved Aunt to many. Private Cremation. Family flowers only. A memorial service will be announced later.

PATEY on 28th April peacefully at Stradbroke Suffolk. Katheen wife of Jack, and mother of Christopher and John. Funeral Service at Inswich Crematorium on Monday April 7th at 2.50 pm. Service of thanksgiving will be held later at Stradbroke Parish Church.

PRITCHARD - On 27th March at Littleton. Flanchford Road. Reignale Heath, after a tong illness bravely borne, sobel Mary Winlfred usfectionately known as "Wysme"), aged 95 years. formerty of 12 Harlow Court. Reigate. widow of Captain Laurence Pritchard C.B.E. Crematorium near Crawley. No flowers, no letters by request, but donations if desired in the Royal Aeronautical Society (Endowment Fund). 4 Hamilsto Place. London W1.

REES - On 27 March 1986. H.H., Richard Gerainl Zees, beloved hisband of Peggy and much loved father of Victoria and sep-father of Parish April of 10 am. Enquiries to F. W. Chitiy, and Co. Lid. let 0932 42220. Thanksgiving service to be announced later.

ROBBISON - On April 1st. M M Glad-ROBRISON - On April 1st. M M Glad-ys. late of Wood Lane. Highgate, peacetuilly at her neice's home at Sumbury-on-Thames.

RUSSELL - On Monday March 31st at St. Bartholomew Hospital after a short liness, Haumi Russell, late of Eleven Acre Rise. Loughtum, aged 65 years, dearly loved wife of Peter and mother of Bob and devoted grand-mother of Bob and devoted Thames on a April at 2.30 pm. Flowers. If destred to the cemetery please.

SCHOFIELB - on March 31st. at Ramley House Nursing Home, pear Lyntington, formerty of Boldre, Elisabeth Mary (Betty), aged 74. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium, on Tuesday April 8th. at 12.30 pm. No letters and no flowers please, but donations may be sent to World Wildlife Fund, c/o Diamond & Son F.D. 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Tel. (0590) 72060.

(0590) 72060.

SMANNON on April 1st, peacefully to hospital. Iam. A.T. of Halesworth. Suffolk for over 62 years, dear husband of Auriol, a loved and loving father and grandfather. Funeral service Geideelon Church, Wednesday April 9th at 11 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Dr Gratham's Homes. Kalimpong. India. Cheques payable please to Harvey Bros. Funeral Directors. Kirthy Cane. Bungay. SUFFOLK.

SLADE - On March 27th, Gerald Gordon, aged 86, Commander R.N. ireld last surviving Son of Henry Adolphus Warre Slade, Cremation private,

WALTON on March 26th 1986 peace-fully John Hugh Walton, aged 96 years, Native of Bishop Auckland, County Durham, Formerty of Park Avenue Eastbourne, Beloved son of William and Annie Walton, and be-loved brother of the late Maude and Mahal Walton. He was a member of william and Annie Wazno, and be-loved brother of the late Maude and Mabel Walton. He was a member of the Seventh Guritha Rifles and was imperial Agricultural Barteriologist. Pusa India, Funeral Service at East-bourne Crematorium on Friday 4th April at 1.30pm. No flowers by

WHITE on Easter Sunday 30th March 1986 Profesor Beatrice White, after an illness most courageously fought. The Funeral Service will take place at Hafisham Ceroctary on Monday 7th April at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to Haine & Sun List. 19 South Street. Eastbournet, Sussex, or if preferred donations to Help the Aged, St James's Walk. London EC1R ORE.

WILLIAMS on March 29th Elizabeth (Emily May) nee Larty CHE. of Bridge Farm. Grost Bardineld, Essex, formerty principal of White Lands College, London. Funeral service at St. Ippolyts Parish Church near Hitching, Herts, on Sabarday, Abril 5th at 11,00 am. All enquiries to W. Austin & Son. 0438 316623.

WILSON - Joan Mary, dear mother of Tim and Jonathan, peacefully on Easter Sunday. Require Mass in St. Norbert's Church. Spaiding, Linconshire. on Monday 7th of April. Flowers, strictly for the decoration of the church by Sunday 6th April. to the Presbytery.

YOOL - On March 31st 1986, peaceful-

YOOL - On March 31st 1986, peaceful-YOUL - On March 31st 1986, peacefully at home, Henry, aged 73, very dearly loved husband of Joan, father of Nicholas and brother of Elizabeth, schoolmaster at Allisalows, Rousdon, 1946-1972. The fuseral service will take place at Membury Perish Church, near Administer, Devon, on Monday 7th April at 2.30 pm, followed by interment in the charchyard. Family dowers only, please, But donations if desired to Malcolia Pargent Cancer Fund for Children, c/o J F Clarke & Son, Maryknoll, Lyme Street, Administer.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CARVER A Memorial Service for the lake Rev Basil Carver, T.D., M.A., will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Stoane Street, London, SWI, on Wednesday 23rd April at 12 on Wednesday 25rd April at 12 noon.
CHRISTOPHER DUBLOP METCALF Zimbahwe, 3rd of April 1980. In lowing memory. Ann. Louise and Mervyn.
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O.2.E. April 2nd 1986 - March 1972. Hunnan being and nurse beyond compare. Beloved wife of the late Arthur Crick of the Dell, Maidstone. Always lovinghy remembered by their daughter. Monica.
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STURGE - A service of thankgiving for the life of College Sturge MC. will be beld at St Michael's Church, Combill. EC 3, on Thursday April ANNIVERSARIES

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Malign legacy of the great powers

Since 1945 some 30 million people - the majority civilians - have died in more than 100 wars. Heard on the radio, read in a book or newspaper, this statistic becomes ungraspably meaningless, a figure that can be swept under a great carpet of conscience. When it is rought subversively to life on screen, as it was in the first of David Munro's two documen taries, the viewer finds himself falling through floors and ceilings in outrage and im-

The Four Horsemen (Central) dealt unflinchingly and unsentimentally with how the boardroom tensions between America and Russia are visited on the Third World and ca on the Inite World and translated into civilian casual-ties. Stepping away from the vulturine shadow of John Pilger, with whom he has made films on Cambodia and Victurian Municipal descent Victnam, Munro visited every-where from Eritrea, where behind the vell of famine Africa's longest war is now conducted with Soviet napalm, to Vietnam, where children tending their cows step on some of the three million mexploded bombs, to El Selvador, where America is repeating her south-east Asian istakes and sins.

At ground level, expertly filmed by Ivan Strasburg and Gerry Pinches, certain images were made to smoulder in the mind like white phosphorus. In Beaut, the cry of an injured two-year-old girl rose over the eyeless sockets of bombed-out flats. At a school in Vietnam terrible mutants played with tave their mutations the result of Agent Orange. (One ounce is enough to kill London's population; the Americans dropped 240 lbs on Vietnam, destroying 50 per cent of its forests.) In Eritren, a burnt woman had skin like a planetree, Again and again Munro was able to make us ask the question: What on earth are we doing to ourselves, and for

Q.E.D (BBC1) dealt with people playing with fire in a much loopler way. To conquer certain fears, a group of Londoners entrusted them selves to a gashing hypno-therapist. He made them repeat phrases as banal as their phobias in preparation for a firewalk. "I really dig to walk through fire", intoned a man who looked like a hairy skull. "Fire is for for my feet."
Urged to imagine the hot coals as "cool wet grass", the group chanted this phrase mindlessly - as if they had smoked the substance rather than walked

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Scientists who pulled up their trouser-legs and participated argued this was not a victory of mind over matter but a fear within anyone's power. Forcing everyone into the role of either unbeliever or zombie, each party lost in its respective jargen. Stephen Rose's programme was watchable for the same reasons that it was meretricious.

A walk on a cold stretch of water would probably have benefited the lot of them. **Nicholas** Shakespeare

• The Gambler, by Peter Brewis, Bob Goody and Mel Smith, is to be presented at Hampstead Theatre for six weeks from April 15 (with previews from April 10). It was first produced, by Hamp-stead Theatre, in 1980, when it

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The worldwide success of A Dance to the Music of Time has made Anthony Powell such a target for photographers that his growing fascination has led him to return the compliment, making one such central to his new novel, *The Fisher King*, published today: interview by Nicholas Shakespeare

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The character of invention

There is a cab driver in Seattle who made it the profession of his central' keeps a complete set of A Dance to the character in The Fisher King, his first Music of Time on his dashboard. He is novel for three years and his second since not consisted by the man driving me from Westbury Station to The Changy who lets slip he has read from of Anthony Powell's novels but stuck at A Question of Upbringing. You wanted to know what was coming next", he says, turning into the drive of a house as classical as its owner, "But nothing happened." No, what he really enjoys reading are Powell's literary reviews.

"How frightfully funny", says the author, without smiling. He lies on an elegant Empire sofs, his legs stretched out, his hands stroking a ruffled Cornish cat and his eyes straying, unfocused, to a wall furnished with 13 green volumes of Burke's Complete Peerage

Here in this room overlooking Somer-set, Powell and his wife Lady Violet have entertained a long and steady line of interviewers wishing to know who Widmerpool really is, who Quiggin and Moreland and Mrs Erdleigh. And each time, as he restrains Trelawney the cat from eating the tea biscuits, Powell parries the questions with polite but mpish exasperation.

"They think you just take a real person and record them as in a photograph. It's like the art exhibitions of my youth when people looked at the model in the paintings wanting only to know who she was, who she had slept with. They don't realize even the lowest novelist invents. In fact he probably finds it easier."

To this room, attempting a truthful record of their own, have also come "a terrific stream" of photographers and cameramen, fusing the lights, disturbing the furniture, upsetting the working day.
All this activity and questioning has made Powell so interested in the position of the modern photographer that he has

completing Dance in 1975. --

Powell, who as a young publisher worked on Cecil Beaton's first book, sets his tale on board a cruise around Britain. Told by a familiarly detached narranor — a popular novelist called Beals — it follows Beals's application of Arthurian legend to some fellow passengers; nota-bly a hideously maimed photographer

bly a hideously maimed photographer and his companion, a beautiful virgin.

"Since 1960, when I developed a frightful dislike of airports, I've been on an awful lot of cruises — but the thing about writing a novel is you do simply never know whether anything is going to be useful or not." Though well versed in the raw material, he has relied on his dentist to supply him with details of disfigurement and disease, and his wife — who used to work as a fashion journalist on the Evening Standard — on how the characters should dress. A medley of sources provided him with the medley of sources provided him with the legend of the Fisher King, the knight maimed in battle whose castle rose from

"I've often met people who've remind-ed me of the legend and felt 'Oh, he is the Fisher King'. I'm continually fascinated by the way everything has come down from myth, how we can see ourselves back to Roman times." It is allied to the famous fascination he feels for genealogy. ("I'll expect you to have brushed up on your pedigree", he had said on the telephone.) "I'm prepared to sit down and listen for hours to someone's family history. People get into a complete rage saying how snobbish this is. It is the extreme reverse. If you look back you see the fluidity of families. This is very much soft-pedalled by people who want to appear grand and suppress their less

small group of downwardly mobile characters form the heart of any Powell novel. "Other writers have an enormously clear view about their writing. I've oever managed to do that. After 80, how one does it, how it starts, why one does it, remain totally obscure. I have to see something in a haze in order to write about it." He puts his hands behind his neck and gazes again towards the Complete Peerage. "My job is to try and present a view of what human beings are like to me."

In doing so he has no idea of his audience. But I'm staggered who they turn out to be. One man who runs a home for deprived Blacks in New York wrote to say how greatly they enjoyed having Dance read to them. I had several letters from a chap in a penitentiary in Virginia, though I slightly balked when he asked me to get in touch with his girlfrield in Chicago." Currently being translated into Finnish — and part of curricula in Egypt and Italy — Dance is also being adapted for television. "I would regard myself as a classical writer", he cootinues. "I write about how people behave." Which is how he explains a prize awarded last year by the Ingersoll Foundation "for upholding Judeo-Christian standards and the 10 commandments".

Lady Violet enters with a tea-tray. She bas just been described as "shonk" in a Dutch magazine and has no idea what it means. "Did you ask if he uses a typewriter?", she enquires sweetly. Spotting the gingerbread, Trelawney arches his back on Anthony Powell's lap. "Darling", he says, "there's going to be a

• The Fisher King is reviewed by James Fenton on page 11.

Three Sisters

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barren fields.

Scandinavian symbolism

Northern Spirit Connaught Brown

Danish Paintings 1880-1920

The big event of the Landon-Arts Council's survey of Scandinavian painting at the turn of the century. Dretints of a Summer Night, which comes to the Hayward in July. Meanwhile, it is very useful to have. two foretastes of what is m store, in the shows Northern Spirit, at Connaught Brown until April 26, and Danish Painting 1880-1928, at the Bury Street Gallery until April

What we are talking about is basically painting of the Sym-bolist persuasion. But there were many different ways of approaching Symbolism practised in Scandinavia at the time - so much so that it becomes an atmosphere rather than a clearly distinguishable style. In Denmark, for instance, there were the group of painters centred on Skagen, Kroyer in particular, who specialized in rendering the elegant melancholy of a blue summer dusk along the beaches, and there were the intimists grouped around Hammershoi, a great master internationally recognized as such at the time but only now regaining that position in con-

Danish estimation. These latter figure strikingly in both shows: Hammershoi's brother-in-law Ilsted and his lifelong friend Holsoe both landscapists. Particularly plea-painted tranquil interiors with sing are Gottfried Kallstenlifelong friend Holsoe both played at the Bull and Gate. - much of Hammershot's hum- ius's Northern Light, Stock-

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April 4: 5. 10 at 7.00pm.

Lucia Popp, Bernd Weikl, Marie McLaughlin.

David Rendall, Helga Dernesch, Walter Berry.



View through doorway to a music room beyond by Wilhelm Hammershoi, only now regaining his international status

and several smaller but equally impressive pictures at Bury Street, is the real thing, with

the others pale reflections.

The Connaught Brown show ventures also to Sweden and Norway, to take in Munch himself, most famous but least characteristic of Scandinavian Symbolists, and several very fine and relatively unknown

WHERE? FOR WHOM?

ming, hidden intensity, but holm, which captures just that there is no escaping that with a subdued glow of blues Hammershoi, with such ma- and greens, and Axel Torjor pictures as the oval Interior neman's Figures in a Landwith Figure and the Verscape under a churning, meersh Woman Reading a apocalyptic sky which indi-Letter at Connaught Brown, cases something of why he should have been a friend of Nolde. Sigge Jernmark's Summer Evening in the Archipelago is also fascinating, combining a composition reminiscent of Friedrich with

> Such diverse comparisons indicate something of Scandinavian Symbolism's variety; but its coherence as an atti-tude to reality is much more striking, and suggests that this ammer's show will be a real voyage of discovery into an alien but very attractive world.

John Russell one phrase in the ending of Taylor another.
Not surprisingly, the second

Returning to the ICA with a five-piece cafe jazz band instead of a tape recorder to shone through regardless. Her back her up, Mathilde Santing voice, with its cool jazzy played a rather nervous first show of a short run that lasts until Saturday. Although her Dutch chantouse's approach is talent has been recognized for much less tailored to the some years in her native homogenized requirement of Netherlands, it is only since a mass market, and bears

woman, as the purposeful screnity of her performance showed. The band were marand creative, they wove careful idiosyncratic patterns in a ranging. The combination of and Simoo Planting's double

songs, but sang with such grace and charm that the warmth of her personality range, has drawn comparison with that of Sade. But the the release last year of her more relation to the personal album. Water Under the vision of a performer like Bridge that she has begun to Janice Ian. "One day as a boo is worth a lifetime as a But she is not an impatient mouse", she sang over a woman, as the purposeful cheerful calypso, expressing erenity of her performance the kind of sentiment that

Along with much fresh ma-terial were favourites such as "I Must Have Done Somemanner that recalls Tom thing Good", "Why Try to Waits's angular mode of ar- Change Me Now?" and a glorious arrangement of Gene Pitney's "Town Without Pity". She has long had the wit bass often created a mood of and talent; with her band in

Dead authors wrote for their own time and foreign authors write for their own people. The subtler a playwright the easier for other audiences to miss his point. A nice silver samovar seems, to us, a very decent present to give a 20-year-old Russian girl. Rus-sians, apparently, know that this is a gift fit only for matrons and widows. Chekhov makes a character

remark three times, but apparently apropos of nothing, that regard this place as the pits, a length.

Russian Wigan. The author's implication being one may presume, that even in the dreariest spot (my apologies to readers in Wigan) happiness may blossom; a message lost oo the three daughters of General Prozorov, longing to leave their provincial dump and return to paradisal

English directors have to make these points by other means. Which is why we are never likely to meet definitive productions of plays such as this. We can at best find approximations, some mag-nificent, others less so. The many ounces that do come across in translation can be why oot? Seldom has his or variously handled and even; the Baron's chatter sounded ichev. But Russians, it is said, duction, at very considerable

movement of Dvorák's "New

World" Symphooy was the most distinguished. When the

woodwind soloists, encour-

aged by the cor anglais lead, were given their head, a new

liveliness of ensemble playing liberated the score. The

concertante string postlude was a rare memorable moment in a performance which coasted along with little distinction other than its brusque

Another strength of the production is the counter-

At the centre of the evening

stood Rachmaninov's Second

Piano Concerto. Michael Roll

was to have been the soloist but, as he had an accident at

the weekend, Howard Shelley,

the composer's worthy En-

glish champion, stepped in at the last momeot. Mr Shelley's

Rachmaninov is worthy not

only in its scholarship but also

in its sturdy, no-nonsense

climaxes which included some clarity. Never mind that his

ning encourages his cast to

show us the laughable folly of

these philosophizing soldiers

and mismatched partners. A

ripple of laughter greets Vershinin's "My wife has taken poisoo again" — and

The Bloomsbury stage is of considerable width and the downstage with the backcast sit at the sides between ground comments, offstage their appearances. For the first music and a stove-pipe roarthree acts they emerge out of ing like an avalanche. A musical top gives us a mo-ment as fleetingly beautiful as the darkness on to the elegant set (designed by Paul Dart) where the black furniture the more celebrated breaking leads us to expect some evestring in The Cherry Orchard. ning of scarcely relieved mel-If the sorrows of Holly Wilson, Leslee Udwin and ancholy. But the director knows his author better than that, and throughout the eve-

Chloe Salaman do not manage to touch us, there is a coovincing doctor from Philip Voss. poltroonery rooted in selfdisgust, and a companionpiece in evil from Christian Burgess's tormented Solyooy. But at three and a haif hours it is a long journey to the fatal pistol-shot among the birch

Jeremy Kingston

ate, rather than to broaden, or

that his fortissimi existed for

the sake of volume rather than

depth of resonance. Shelley did, after all, have to urge oo

the orchestra somewhat stren-

uously: the style and sensitiv-

ity he brought to the performance was, given the circumstances, more than

Hilary Finch

Concert RPO/Gibson Festival Hall

The GLC has gone from the South Bank, and with it, or so it seemed on Tuesday night, the last vestiges of civilized concert-giving. The reward for being subjected to clumsy and churlish security searches, and for fighting through layers of dirt and rubbish left by the contract cleaners of the new South Bank Centre, was a Tchaikovsky Romeo and Ju-liet Overture of unusual lethargy. Sir Alexander Gibson cued in some embarrassingly

late entries and spread chords. Although the strings of the Royal Philharmonic pulled themselves together in time for a finely-textured love colours looking sideways to theme, when the flute took over there was little attempt to place its solo in a changed cootext. Sir Alexander's thick conglomerate of themes, drawn together so cunningly by Tchaikovsky in the devel-opment, pointed the repeated weakness of the evening: the lack of a selecting ear, and a baton unwilling to poise a new entry in a moment's silence or to anticipate the beginning of

Rock Mathilde Santing

make inroads in Britain.

vellous; sympathetic, stylish Schastian Koolhoven's violin chamber music melanchely, while the two percussionists set up sprightly cross-rhythms.

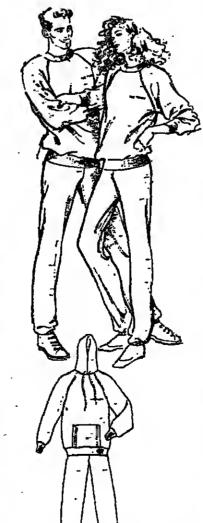
Michael Vatcher shaking striking or even whirling an intriguing variety of objects. Santing, her blonde hair cropped tight to the skull, declined to comment between

Sade might find a little uncool.

tow she is a delight.

David Sinclair

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rivalling Mafia

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Organized crime in America, though still dominated by the Mafia, is being transformed by particularly vicious new breeds of prison gangs, ethnic criminal societies, and at least four powerful motor cycle groups with chapters in Europe and

Australia. The phenomenon is described in the report of President Reagan's Commission oo Organised Crime, which was set up in July 1983. It warns that the US must broaden its crime-fighting perspectives be-yond the Matia and realize that the problem is much more

The report says that the newest development is the creation of self-perpetuating gangs in US prisons, with at least five groups meeting "the criteria of an organized crime group". They are named as the Mexican Mafia, La Nuestra Familia, the Aryan Brother-hood, the Black Guerilla Family, and the Texas Syndicate.

"All five operated in more than one state." the report says.
"In all five, either murder or the drawing of blood are pre-requisites for membership."

Ethnic groups are also flourishing including the Triads, Japanese "Yakuza" groups, Vietnamese gangs, Cuban crim-inal cartels, Colombian cocaine rings, remnants of old Irish gangs and even new Russian groups. The first Russian ele-

ment was noted in 1975.
"There will be little lasting benefit in disabling La Cosa Nostra if other groups successfully claim its franchises" the

Commission says.
The study estimates that organized crime reduces the gross national product by \$18.2 billion a year and reduces the annual income of every American by \$77. Total income from organized crime in 1986 is estimated between \$46 billion and \$65 billion.

The Commission calls for new efforts to deal with lawyers who co-operate with criminals to include undercover techniques, including electronic



Small beginnings: A silkworm moth that has hatched out of its cocoon. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Evolution of a silk royal wedding dress

One silkworm cocooo yields op to a mile of thread, but lens thousands of cocoons such as the one obove will be needed for Miss Sarah Ferguson's wedding dress wheo she mar-

ries Prince Andrew in July. The cocoons, formed wheo the worm weaves the thread around its body to enter its pupal stage before turning into a moth, are being barvested al Lulliogstone Silk Farm, Sherborne, Dorset.

Lullingstone is famed for producing thread for royal gar-meots, including the wedding dresses of the Queen, Princess of Wales and Princess Marga-

Three killed as blast rocks jet in mid-air

Continued from page 1 thought it was a bomb until we got off the plane. It just sounded like a hissing, real strong, I thought, they can't have dooe any maintenance

TWA staff in Athens complained to reporters that it had taken balf an hour to get ambulances to the airport, and an airport doctor said he had smbulance," Dr George Micholitzis told Reuters. b Libyans shocked: The official from the Libyan world is "secretariat" of information analysis.

The Wally Close: photographs

by Hugh Carroll and John Gilmour; jends April 26).

Ceramic sculptures by Sten Lykke Madsen (ends April 14);

Linocuts by Hans Oldau Krull lends May 3); MacRobert Arts Centre Gallery, Stirling Univer-sity; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to

Works by Geoffrey Bawa; Royal Institute of British Archi-

tects, Portland Place, W1, 9 to

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Alan Fairhurst and Eric Soothill: Towneley Hall Art

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Hall Bristol, 7.30.

Talks, lectures, films

Understanding fossils, by Joyce Pope: Natural History Museum. Cromwell Rd. SW7. 3.

Resistance and rebellion in eighteenth century Metz: Women. Jews and the royal courts of law, by Prof Frances.

tingham. 7.30.

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appeared geouinely shocked (Robert Fisk writes from Tripoli). "Was anyone killed?" he asked. When I told him that three people had been hurled from the jet he put his band to his forehead and said: "Jesus Christ."

Other reactions were less sympathetic. At the Libyan news agency Jana, an official said he knew no more than he been inadequately briefed." I had read oo news agency had no idea what to expect. I was simply asked to bring one involved?" he asked. "It's no! our jet. Claiming that we are responsible for anything that happens anywhere in the world is a very dangerous

Four accused of being Militants win reprieve

local Labour party for sup-porting Militant Tendency, won g reprieve in the High Court in London yesterday. After a 75-minute private

hearing, Mr Justice Evans granted temporary injunctions to John Hoare, Alison McDonald, Martin Benn and John Waddingham, preventing Mansfield (Notts) constituency Labour party from taking any further steps to

expel them.

The constituency party's general management committee was to meet today to rule

Four Young Socialists, tions made by its executive threatened with expulsion by a committee.

The constituency party was nol present or represented at yesterday's hearing, and the injunctions will remain in force until s full hearing.

Miss McDonald, for the group, said they had brought the proceedings "with reluctance" because they feared they would not get a fair hearing today.

She said: "We had argued all along that there was no constitutional basis for the expulsions. This is a witchhunt because of our political

Letter from Delhi

Gandhi tackles exam cheats

not getting quite the adula-tory press he was enjoying a few months ago, the one part of his image that has not been impugned is his reputation as "Mr Clean".

"Mr Clean".

No one, politician nor journalist, has so far found the merest tittle of gossip to tie him to any unethical conduct—though you may be sure it is not for want of trying. Mr Gandhi, indeed, appears to have set himself the Herculean task of cleaning up corruption in Indian public life, a task in compari-son to which cleaning the Augean stables would appear a little light housework.

His startling speech to the centenary meeting of his Congress(I) Party has set the tone. He said of the leaders of his own party: "Their life-style, their thinking - or lack of it - their self-aggrandize-ment, their corrupt ways, their linkages with the vested interests in society, and their sanctimonious posturing are wholly incompatible with work among the people." And he has proved that he

meant what he said. When Mr A.R. Antulay, then Chief Minister of the western state of Maharashtra, was named by g judge as having improperly extracted money from cement contracts for one or two political trust funds, he was compelled to resign and was proceeded against in court, though the case now rests with the Supreme Court. That was during Mrs Indira Gandhi's time, when Mr Gandhi was but his mother's adviser.

But now one of Mr Antulay's successors has been compelled to resign by Mr Gandhi after being named in the same courtroom. While Mr Antulay collected money, Mr Shivajirao Nilangekar collected degrees for himself and his family.

Last November Mr Nilangekar's daughter, Chandrakala, g poor student, took the obstetrics and gynaecology exam for the fourth time. According to the original marks, of the 16 practical and theoretical papers, she passed four and

Though Mr Rajiv Gandin, marginally failed 12. By re-the Indian Prime Minister, is comparing the results the computing the results the examiner had her marginally failing four theoretical papers and two practical tests. Then he changed the balance of the scores so that the practicals outweighed the theory, and finally so far lowered the standards that an astonishing 72 per cent of the candidates passed including Chandra-kala, but excluding another MD candidate who later challenged the whole process and brought it into the open.

Education is one way for the poor or lower middle class Indians to escape the dreadful grinding poverty of

their surroundings.

This explains why the stan-dard of cheating or of using undue influence on examiners is so bigh. In 1981 the son of a senior professor in Bihar secured 96 per cent in the subject of the department of which his father was head. Not much surprising in that perhaps, except that for his entire stay at the university the boy never secured than 30 per cent in any subject.
At Pama University, also

in Bihar, the Chief Minister's daughter also in 1981, obtained a first and a second class honours in economics. but only after the examiners had been changed.

In 1982 a former Kerals minister was accused of fid-dling his daughter's examination results - also in the medical exams. In 1984, four MBA students at the Anna Malai University in Tamil Nadn were found to have been awarded degrees because the father of one of them was a senior professor.

Last year people who had already graduated were found impersonating students at the exams in Nagpur.

Mr Nilangekar protests that no one has proved that he brought any influence to bear on the examiner, but a number of other unusual educational events have since come to light. His son, Mr Sharad Patil, for example, was admitted to the general surgery course by a highly fovourable interpretation of the rules.

Michael Hamlyn

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales visits the Isles of Scilly and inaugurates the mains electricity supply for the off-islands. St Martin's Is-

land, 11.
Princess Anne attends the premiere of the film Absolute Beginners, Leicester Sq Theatre. 7.55.
Princess Alice. Duchess of Gloucester, visits the Royal Army Veterinary Corps training centre, Melton Mowbray, 12.30; and later opens Age Concern's Columnia of the Melton Melton.

Gloucester House. Mc1100 Prince Michael of Kent at- 10 to 12:30 (ends May 7).

appeal by the Paviors' Company for the Road Makers exhibition, Amberley Chalk Pits Museum Cutlers Hall, EC4, 12,

New exhibitions

Paintings from Venice by Sophie Walbeoffe-Wilson; Ste-phen Barrley Gallery, 62 Old Church St. SW3: Tues to Fri 11 to 6. Sat 10 to 5 (cods April 24), Domesday: The Book: Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, WC2; Mon to Sal 10 to 6 (ends

Lawrence Preece: new paintings and related drawings; Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork St. W1: Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat

Books - paperback

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this

Four Studies in Loyalty, by Christopher Sykes (Century, £5.95) Home Sweet Home, My Canadian Album, by Mordecai Richler (Triad

A United Kingdom, by David Owen (Penguin, £2.95)
Tuscany, An Anthology, edited by Laura Raison (Ebury, £6.95)
The Inner Eye, by Nicholas Humphrey (Faber, £4.95)

London and South-east: A308: Road width reduced westbound on Fulham Rd at the junction with Elm Park Gardens

Gallery, Burnley, 10 to 5.30. Concert by the Parke En-semble: work by Ravel, Debussy and Mozart: St Martin-in-the-Recital by the Omega Quartet; St James's Church, Piccadilly. WI, 1.10.

Recital by the Delta Sax
Quartet; Riverside Studios,
Crisp Rd, W6, 8.30.

Concert by the Halle Or-chestra: Manchester Free Trade Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Colsion

in both directions.
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A'new edition of The Sentene of the Court, a handbook for courts on the treatment of

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Best wines In a blind tasting of 34 Rioja Reservas, an expert panel chos two wines as outstanding: Vina Ardanza 1976 Reserva Sainsbury's Vintage Selection Sainsbury, £4.25;Vina Lancian

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A slack trough of low pressure will be slow moving over SE areas. A ridge of high pressure will develop to the NW of Britain.

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6 am to midnight

Midlanda, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals and rain or sleat showers, heavy in places: wind N moderate; max temp 10C (50F).

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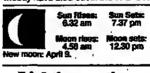
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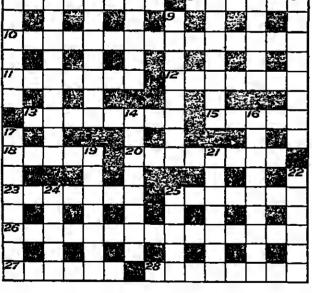
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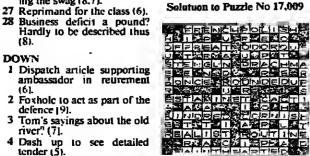
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- 12 Old capital hosule to surprise announcement by the Scots [7]. 13 Wheeler's find, perhaps, preserves animals (8).
- 1S Some are curious enough to come round again (5). 18 County town once said 10 produce material for caulkng 151.
- 20 Make a lot of noise about engineers going round a but-23 Quell leaders of revolt en-dangering the fourth estate
- 25 They are on the wicket, and may be popping (7). 26 Digger's noted way of carry-ing the swag (8.7).
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- 2 Foxholc to act as part of the defence [9]. 3 Tom's sayings about the old

- 6 Choose a sound member Uncle Sam's college? (7) 7 Observed one employed in gardening, say, in America
- 9 Non-committal stance, upright on horseback (8).
- 14 Forgiveness makes former copper squeal 181. His scaly members about right for a state of transi-
- 17 Bishop takes gold to oars-man not the owner (8). 19 One with an exalted calling in Islam? (7). 21 Virtuoso from Miss West's
- centre in Detroit (7). 22 Mount an attack on a south-24 Look among part of the audience for 8 guide (5).

25 Had no future as a literary sketch (5L



4 Dash up to see detailed tender (5). Concise Crossword page 10

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The Reagan Administration

is reassessing its policies to

decide whether it should put pressure on Saudi Arabia and Britain to reach an oil produc-tion agreement.

The Administration is un-

der severe political pressure

from US oil-producing states,

but officials are divided over whether the harmful events of

the oil price collapse are beginning to outweigh the good effects measured by

more optimistic world eco-

The officials decided to

publicize their concern oo the

eve of Vice-President George

Bush's visit to Saudi Arabia

terday announced a 40 per

In announcing the results of

1985, Enterprise said oil pro-

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

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Sun Alliance

nomic growth projectious.

which begins today.

City economists expected, down in suggests that the Bank of together England fook advantage of the pected pr

als and repayments.

Britain's official gold and

Sugar cash resignation

A boardroom clash rumbled at British Sugar yesterday over the payment of a secret £210 million extraordinary divi-dend to S & W Berisford, the sngar refiner's parent

company.

Mr Nigel Robson, a nonexecutive director, resigned after a board meeting of British Sugar agreed to pay Berisford the money. The payment is part of a possible sale by Berisford of British Sugar to Ferruzzi; the Italian foods and agricultural prod-

Imps accuses Hanson

foreign currency reserves re-corded their biggest rise for more than five years last month, reflecting the pound's strength in the face of weak oil The Imperial Group and United Biscuits yesterday complained to the Takeover Panel about a Hanson Trust advertisement which compared Hanson's offer with the Imperial share price and

The reserves rose by an underlying \$278 million (£189 million) in March, the biggest monthly increase since Januwhich appeared yesterday.

The advertisement in The mooth was much larger, be-Times also incorrectly incorporated the wrong wording, saying that each of the offers tion of the reserves. The reserves totalled \$18,750 million (£32,686 million) at the end of March, the highest since March, 1982. was being shown. The panel accepted that The Times advertisement was an error by the advertising agency, Lowe Howard-Sping, and is taking no action on it. This compared with \$15,810 million at the end of February.

GRE retreat

Guardian Royal Exchange, the composite insurance company, made pretax profits of £3.5 million in 1985 against £92.7 million. The dividend is raised by 10.6 per cent to 28.75p. Tempes, page 19 Christies fall

Christies International reported turnover for the year to December 1985 un £1 milion on 1984 to £64 milion. Pretax profit fell 24 per cent to £12.2 million. Earnings per share were 14.83p and the dividend was unchanged at 5.5p Tempus, page 19

Bunzl payout

Bunzi turnover slipped 8 per cent to £788 million for the year to December 31 but pretax profit rose to £42.7 million, op 54 per cent. The dividend was raised by 2.5p to tOp net. Tempus, page 19 BHP sues

Broken Hill Proprietary and its directors have issued separate writs concerning the exercise of voting right for shares the company has bought in Bell Resources and allegations made by Bell.

Sketchley buy Acceptances for the Sketchley offer for Breakmate

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have been received for 3.6t million Breakmate shares representing 98.5 per cent.

No referral

The following proposed mergers will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission: Ladbroke Group and Home Charm Group, Chicago Pacific Corporation and the Hnover Co. and TAC Construction Materials and Eternit Building

Auditors' plea

Auditors are asking the Government to put a limit on Chartered Association of Certified Accountants is seeking legislation to restrict liability to 10 times the fee. MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

Pretax losses at BL leap 50% to £110.3 million

tor company whose Land cars business, cut back its Rover subsidiary remains at losses from £26 million in the centre of the 1984 to £6 million last year, Government's latest privation with its world sales recovering strongly to 479,500, a rise of

Land Rover Group, which includes the successful Freight million loss in 1984. Rover operation — maker of The apparent worsening the Sherpa van —increased its operating profit to £10 million against £2 million in 1984. was caused mainly by the sale was caused mainly by the sale of Jaguar in August 1984, which removed that company's profit-making activities from the BL group.

The directors, led by Sir Austin Bide, the chairman, said, however, that the operating loss of £39.5 million represented. Leyland Group, the truck

and bus business, suffered a loss of £52 million against a deficit of £61 million in 1984. BL said Leyland Trocks' much improved financial performance was offset by sharprepresented "a significant reduction" on the comparable 1984 loss of £66.5 million. ly increased losses at Leyland

UK reserves show biggest

increase for five years

pound's strength, particularly after the March 18 Budget, to

The pound reached a 21/2-

year high of \$1.5190 last mooth, and its average value also rose. The sterling index began the month at 72.5 and ended it 5 per cent higher at 76.3

The pace of bank lending

has slowed markedly, accord-

ing to the latest quarterly analysis of advances from the

Bank of England. Total lend-

ing rose 2 per cent, or £2.97 billion, in the three months to

unid-February.

After seasonal adjustment, the rise was £3.36 billion, £1.6

billion less than in the previ-

ons three months. The slow-

down in the pace of lending,

Washington feels pressure

for oil production pact

Vice President Bush: will

press for price stability.

that although he is not going

setting mission", he does in-

tend to press for more price

Enterprise to slash exploration

to Saudi Arabia on a "price-

Mr Bush said on Tnesday

together with lower than ex- three mouth peri-pected public sector borrow- financial sector.

boost the reserves.

Austin Rover, the volume after lax interest and extraor- were worth £598 million. Sales dinary items, was £138 mil- revenue in Britain was £2,353

lion, compared with a profit of £80.6 million in 1984. The latter figure was distorted. however, by the impact of the sales rose by 27 per cent in £167 million of profit Europe to 105,000 units, the achieved from the sale of

The board said: "Despite a further intensification of compentive conditions in all mar-kets in which BL companies operate, oo a comparable basis overall progress was achieved in production, sales and financial performance".

Turnover for the year was £3,415 million of which exormance was offset by sharp-y increased losses at Leyland sus.

BL's total loss for 1985, seas sales, BL's 1984 exports

comment on intervention in

the foreign exchange markets.

However, Treasury sources

pointed out that the reserves fell sharply in the final three months of last year (by \$94t million) when the pound was

weak, and have risen by \$522

million in the first three

run-up to the next General

Election, when support for

sterling may be the only

acceptable alternative to a

politically damaging raising of interest rates.

ing, has reduced the rate of

The figures show why the

hanks have been adopting a more aggressive approach to mortgage lending. In the November-February perind, martgage lending by the banks increased by \$640 million loss

increased by £640 million, less

than half the rise in the

Around half the rise in

lending in the most recent

Administration officials have said that stability is

unlikely unless the Saudis and

the Opec nations are able to

settle their differences with

Studies indicate that as the price for oil paid by US refiners drops from \$15 to \$10

a barrel, losses in the big energy-producing states could

cancel gains made elsewhere

Four of the biggest oil-producing states suffering re-cessions - Texas, Louisiana,

Since December, when

creased the exploration area

previous two quarters.

increase of broad money.

months of this year.

Bank lending slows

BL's 1985 preliminary results show that Ausun Rover best performance since 1979. Output was up 23 per cent to 479,000 units, with 99.95

of disputes, an industrial rela-tions record for Bi. Unipart, the BL parts and components company, made a much reduced profit of £6 million (£14 million).

Land Rover-Leyland, in-

per cent of working time free

cluding the bus operation, was hit by declining profitability in international operations and its operating loss was £41

Guinness Peat to It is official policy not to

stockbroker.
The size of the deal was not disclosed but the move would

wholly owned by Guinness Peat, to create the core of

Guinness Mahon Securities. aiming to compete with the stocks."

Associates, including Overseas Containers, increased

of three surplus liners.

Guinness Peat, the investment management and merchant banking group, announced yesterday that it had reached an advanced stage in negotiations to acquire t00 per cent of Heoder-Crosthwaite, the

A healthy level of reserves could be important during the add a medium-sized broking capacity in both private and institutional business.

nia Arrow.

Oklahoma and Alaska - account for 10 per cent of total Ocean Transport & Trad-ing, the shipping company with growing industrial on-shore activities, yesterday an-US employment and 11 per cent of total retail sales. crude oil was priced at about nounced an increase in profits from £30.1 million to £31.9 rankings of large Texas banks million before tax in the year to December 31.

The final dividend is 3.95p making 6.5p for the year against 5.5p in 1984. The shares were unchanged at

buy broker By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

The private client business of Henderson Crosthwaite will be fitted in with the personal finance services offered by Guinness Mahon, the merchant banking arm of Guinness Peat. The institu-tional business will be com-bined with White & Cheesman, the jobber which is

Mr Alastair Morton, the Guinness Peat chief executive. said: The private client business will be a valuable addition to the retail financial services we are building up within the group. On the securities side we are not big bang but offer a more specialised service in certain

The acquisition of Hender-son Crosthwaite, which han-dles around £900 million of clients' funds, will be completed during the summer. The talks to purchase the stockbroker started after the failure of Guiness Peat's bid for Britan-

Ocean plan to diversify after ship sales By Clare Dobie

their contribution to £26.8 million from £19.4 milion. There was a £5.6 million loss on the sale of ships, against a £5.8 million profit in 1984. Last year Ocean Transport sold three bulk carriers, there-by withdrawing from bulk shipping, and it has disposed

The company now plans to expand the industrial side, having already acquired several small businesses in coal distribution.

Whitehall steels itself for Cornish tinmen's appeal By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

face closure after the collapse appealing to the Government for financial help to stem heavy losses and are considering legal action against the London Metal Exchange for alleged loss of revenue.

But yesterday Whitehall sources said that the mines stood little chance of obtaining revenue subsidies, although capital assistance for economic projects might be possible. Mr Kenneth Gilbert, managing director of Geever, accessed the Department of Trade and Industry of using the lack of a formal application by his company for capital

so production is being stockpiled. The loss is calculated on the interest cost of carrying the stock and on revenue

day that its monthly losses are running at £350,000 and that it will have to lay-off all its 380 workers at the end of this week. Carnon employs about 1,000 people.

Tin is fetching between £3,000 and £4,000 a tonne, half its price last October, Mr Gilbert said that the company is completing an application for about £16 million of Regional Selective As-

It wants £1 million to continne production over the three months Geevor believes the Department of Trade and Industry will take to process the application, which is due to be seat on Friday.

Carnon is seeking rather more and has already held several rounds of discussions with the department. Ironically, production this year is at a record average of

Cornish sources recognize, however, that they will have difficulty convincing White-hall that their mines can be economic.

tion cost is £7,000 a tonne, and Geover's is more than £8,000. could reduce Carnon's costs to

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Sir Gordon hits out over competition

The spate of takeover hids has not left Sir Gordon himself - whichever way enmpetition policy in disarray. Far from it. At least, that was last night's controversial message from Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, who took advantage of the Finance Houses' Association annual dinner to argue that competition policy was now clearer on three

Sir Gnrdon began with a swipe at Alex Fletcher, the former minister who now advises Argyll in its bid for Distillers. When Sir Gordon decided not to refer for Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation the second Guinness bid for Distillers, after the proposal in divest some of the Distillers whisky brands, Mr Fletcher said that a wedge was being driven through the Government's competition policy. Sir Gordon said last night: He speaks with the authority of ministerial experience,

but I think he has allowed his

judgment to be clouded by his current

attachment as a consultant to

Argyll."
Sir Gordon recalled the Tehhit dictum that the primary ground for merger referral is concern over reduction in market competition. But primary does not mean exclusive, he events have somehnw left existing pointed nut. Hence, he said, the policy and procedures in a state of Elders' bid for Allied-Lyons was chaos." But he allowed that the referred because nf concern at the Gnvernment review of competition high leverage. He looks to the and mergers policy, due to be commission's report, due in the announced shortly, should thorsummer, to provide helpful guidance oughly examine both existing policy on the issue to everybody, including and procedures.

the report goes.

It is clear, said Sir Gnrdon, that when only nne nf two rival bids demands investigation it will be referred and nnt the nther, even though that limits the chnice for the target company's shareholders. Well,

that is at least fair warning.
Sir Gordon maintained that his referrals of the nriginal United Biscuits' bid for Imperial and Guinness's first Distillers approach were entirely consistent with the Tebbit dictum. It was equally clear, he said, that a referred hidder should be able to revise proposals in order to eliminate the competition problem.

In those two instances the bidders satisfied the commission that the original plans had been abandoned and the references were set aside. Sir Gordon said: "In both cases a binding agreement was reached to dispose of parts of the business to be acquired and to ensure that the merger would not give rise to very high market shares. This seems to me to vindicate competition policy, not

to undermine it."
Sir Gordon added: "I think it is quite wrnng tn suggest that recent

No flotation in sight at 3i

Plans in float Investors In Industry nn the stock market have been shelved indefinitely after several meetings of the venture capital group's eight main shareholders - a decision revealed in the prospectus for a £100 million 3i loan issue.

The document stresses that nn decision has yet been taken on either a listing or on the disposal by any of the 3i shareholders including the Bank of England and the main clearing banks, of their holdings. However, the shareholders have agreed in principle that in the interests of preserving 3i Group's special role and character, nverall cantrol should be retained for the foreseeable future within the present shareholding group."

Reading between the lines, that means there will be no listing this year nr next and that it is highly improbable there will be any change in the shareholding structure.

The idea of flotation was initiated by Midland when it was strapped for cash and casting around for disposals. 1ts 18 per cent shareholding in 3i, the world's largest single source of ven-ture capital, was an nhvious target.

Today Midland's need is not so

urgent, and with nn one to drive the proposal through, it was perhaps inevitable that talks about a listing should have got bogged down.

The last published accounts showed that risk capital investments financed out of borrowings had grown to £20.4 million. Accounts for the year in the end of last month will show that this figure has almost dnubled and with the continuing growth in the activities of 3i Ventures and the trend towards ever larger and mnre amhitious management buyouts - 3i is responsible for about half Britain's management buyouts there is bound to be considerable growth again this year.

Thrugh 3i is still nuwhere near its borrowing limits, the upshot is that at same stage soon either 3i's present shareholders are going to have to provide new capital or they are going to have to make it possible for nthers to dn so.

On this latter count they have done themselves few favours by failing to agree on whether the long-term nature of 3i's husiness would be better reflected if its accounts were prepared on the basis on an investment company. Such a status would carry certain tax advantages as well as allowing 3i to revalue on an annual basis its considerable portfulio of unquited investments.

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	Year ended 31 December 1985 £ million	Year ended 31 December 1984 £ million
Turnover	751.0	686 <i>:</i> 7
Profit before tax	25.5	27.1
Profit after tax	16.0	19.5
Earnings per share	24.8p	29.6p
Dividends per share	11.0p	11.0p
The final dividend of 7	o will be paid on 1	July t986

The Chairman, Mr J W H Morgan F Eng, reports:

"Main core businesses performed satisfactorily ... areas of unacceptable performance dealt with . . . healthy cash position maintained . . . management strengthened ... now set fair to resume steady progress and improvement."

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£ \$1.4735 £ DM3.4885 £ SWFr2.9146 £ FFr10.6976

113p (+200) CURRENCIES Carnon Consolidated, the subsidiary of Rio Tinto-Zinc which controls the Wheal

duction in the North Sea was the largest undeveloped Britmore than 35,000 barrels a ish offsbore oil fields.

day from seven fields, an These acquisitions have in-Enterprise Oil, the former oil production arm of the British Gas Corporation, yesincrease of 9 per cent on last cent cut in its explo-ration programme this year because of the fall in the price of oil. A lower sterling oil price meant that turnover was unchanged at £266 million. Ex-ploration write-offs were £32.8

its first full year of operations since privatization in mid-1984, the company forecast for 1986 "a much reduced interest income, pretax profit was down by 20 per cent to £111 million level of activity and profits from which Enterprise is not For the year to December

million, nearly double the 1984 level Despite higher

The company made several acquisitions, of which Saxoo Oil is the most important.

and six further oil and gas discoveries which could be developed over the next 10 However, if the oil price remains under \$18 a barrel for

a tong time, the commercial viability of many undevel-oped fields will be in doubt. Nevertheless, Enterprise was confident that its financial resilience would enable it to cootinue the development of

Saxon's Miller field is one of the business to the short term. 197p.

Cornwall's tin mines, which Jane and South Crofty mines, are closure after the collapse is losing more than £1 million of the world tin price, are a month.
appealing to the Government Virtually no tin is being sold

essistance as an excuse for refosing to consider short-term production subsidies.

in the very depressed market,

Geevor announced on Tues-

sistance over five years, along with another £4 million of working capital.

94 tonnes of tin in concentrate a month, compared with 74 tonnes in 1985.

> Carnon's average producnearer \$6,000 a tonne.

Profits slump at GRE but outlook brightens

Guardian Roya) Exchange's good as 1984 and this has shares, in an apparently perverse reaction to the news of the slump in 1985 pretax profits to a paitry £3.5 million from £92.2 million in 1984. gained 24p to 875p yesterday. Only a month ago. City analysts had been forecasting taxable profits of £30 million to £38 miltion.

The stock market, however, drew comfort from the fact that GRE has completed the most extensive spring clean in its history, which should pave the way for future advance.

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British reserves have been strengthened by £19 million to cope with asbestosis and other long tail claims, some of which relate to 30-year-old policies. A special reserve for discontinued professional indemnity business cost £40.6 million and a below-the-line charge of £55 million was made for potential claims from continuing indemnity business. GRE stopped writing indemnity husiness early last year, but some of its contracts last until early

Claims against accountants int North America produced the worst of the damage. Even rate rises of 1,000 per cent would not have tempted GRE to keep writing indemnity business.

With no further special reserves anticipated in 1986. the outlook is relatively encouraging. GRE, as one of Britain's largest private mo-tor insurers, admits it has lost some market share after rate rises of 26 per cent since December 1984, but the claims frequency appears to be levelling out.

. British household insurance is also thought to be adequately rated now and early indications are that March gales have not been as bad as feared. On a world-wide basis, Australia, Canada and West Germany are all Showing encouraging signs after worsening losses in

Expectations of taxable, profits this year are being marked up to more than £100 million. The shares still have a long way to go to recover from their underperformance against the other composites over the past year, but a 10.6 per cent dividend increase. giving an above-average yield of 4.6 per cent, should help the recovery on its way.

Christies Int

Christies International, the fine art auctioneer, signalled at the half-year stage that the 1985 result would not be as 18th century china from the

reign of Qianlong. The 160,000 items of ware were on board a Dutch ship which proved to be the case.

sank on its homeward jour-

ney and they are expected to

The company's capital

spending programme is now

behind it and it can look

forward to generating sub-

stantial amounts of cash of up

to £10 milion annually. This

makes this year's decision not

to increase the dividend look

mean. And the accumulating

cash balances can only make

Christies look ever more

Mr James White sounds like

a happy man. Five years ago

Bunzi, where he is managing

director, was valued at just £21 million. Yesterday it was

worth 30 times that with the

shares at 658p, unchanged on

The results for 1985, an-

nounced yesterday, provide reassurance about the short

term at least. Profits were up

from £27.6 million to £42.7

million before tax but that

£3.4 million made by selling

dollars forward at the start of the year. Without that gain, the increase would have

The figures included a £1

million contribution from ac-

quisitions made last year, the

most important being United

Parcels, which joined the group in November. In a full

year, it might contribute £10 million before interest, which

together with contributions

from Stewart Plastics and

Monmouth Paper of New

Jersey, both acquired last year, should help to keep the

momentum going this year.
Further acquisitions are

under consideration, and the

company says it can afford to

spend more £35 million with-

out issuing more paper. But the emphasis now will be on

organic growth. Much de-

pends on the American econ-

omy but the underlying

prospects are good for the

distribution division, supply-

ing disposals to restaurants

and other users in America

and fine paper in Britain, which is likely to remain the largest part of the group. Even the old cigarette filter

business is doing well.

This year should see a

similar profits increase to last

even without the currency

however, investors are un-

likely to find phase two as

shares are trading on 17 times

prospective earnings which suggests there could now be

some profit taking.

been 41 per cent.

was after a one-off profit of

attractive to a predator.

Bunzi

fetch up to £3 million.

The company endured a fair amount of adverse publicity in connection with the resignation of Mr David Bathurst in the middle of last year and there can be little doubt that the revelations about imaginary sales of a Gaugain and a Van Gogh in New York have affected Christies' standing in the US. Consequently, its ability to generate business in its second biggest market has been

Of course, 1984 was an exceptional year remembered in particular for the sale of 71 Old Master drawings from the Chatsworth Collection. Despite the absence of anything on this scale in 1985, Christies managed to raise numover by I per cent to £64 million. Costs inevitably were much higher and pretax profit was down by nearly 25 per cent to just over £12 million.

During 1985, the company has been busy consolidating its property portfolio. It completed the extension to its office and storage accommodation in New York in May, while in London, it pur-chased the bead lease of its headquarters in St James's.

The increase in fixed tangi-ble assets of £11 million shown in December 1985 was financed internally. Cash reserves fell in the same period by nearly £13 million from £32 million to £19 million. For the current year, Christies is confident that its problems in the US market are behind it and it is competing vigorously for business with its old rival Sotheby's.

Auctioneering practices in New York are being reviewed by the Department of Consumer Affairs. In London, Christies, in common with other auction houses and professional associations, is co-operating in discussing a code of conduct with the authorities. The company can be as-

sured of continuing to attract the full glare of publicity, beginning with the sale of the Goya portrait of the Marquesa de Santa Cruz next week on Friday.
The legal dispute with the Spanish authorities over how the painting was taken out of

Spain could numble on for another two years. However, the seller has clear title to the picture, and the

sale will go ahead. Also, beginning April 28 there will be a five-day sale of the recently recovered mid-

chief is used to change By Lawrence Lever

Change is no stranger to Mr Jonathan Agnew, the newly appointed chief executive of the International Securities Regulatory Organization

Isro's new

(Isro).
"I like change, that is a fair criticism of me", he says. It is not that his career is littered with dozens of different jobs; just that having made a success of his job he has tended to move on to other things. He did however have a false

start of sorts. After leaving Cambridge University he spent a year working for The Economist, before deciding that journalism was not for him and he went to the World Bank where he became a staff assistant in the projects de-partment, evaluating proposed

lending deals.
In 1967 Mr Agnew moved to Hill Samuel's corporate finance department, ending up as a director for the last two years he was there. He left in 1973 for Morgan Stanley where he was a managing director from 1977 to 1982.

Four years ago he struck out on his own as a consultant advising institutions on likely ments following the abolition

So how will be approach the prospect of becoming an em-ployee again, albeit a highly paid one, as the job of Isro chief executive was advertised with a benchmark salary of

Mr Agnew perceives his role as "representing the position of the international securities industry to the authorities and persuading the industry to fit into the proposed regulatory framework".

"There will need to be changes in the way that business is done, but it is vital that these do not impair the growth of the international securities business", he says.
"After all this business had

grown up in an unregulated area and without any major scandals,"

The areas that Isro, and therefore Mr Agnew, are most likely to be concerned with are the Eurobond market, the international equities business which now takes place largely off the Stock Exchange, through block trading between

the major players. In addition, there is isro's relationship with the Stock Exchange. "Relations with the Stock Exchange are now very

been so and it will take all his negotiating skills if the relaaship between the two bodies is to evolve into a ous, and permanent, STOCK MARKET REPORT

Buoyant shares break record

prices had broken through to new records. The FT 30-share index closed up 17.2 at 1419.4 and the FT-SE 100 was 18.9

higher at)702.9. The overnight slide on Wall Street prompted the cautious opening, but a firm pound, and an encouraging outlook EQUITIES for inflation as oil prices Abbon M V (180p) tumble, soon brought inves-

tors back in force. Equities in the stores, building, food and electrical sectors were in favour. Among leaders meeting strong support were Vickers, 20p up at 513p on compensation hopes, and Courtanks 14p higher at 3t3p in response to investment

favour in the wake of yesterday's decline in the US bond market. Falls stretched to a pound in places.

buying. In contrast, gilts were out of

Initial uncertainty did not after early weakness. The spurred demand for many 113p.

set long on stock markets, movement of futures prices secondary issues, notably As- Among builders, acquisi-

768p — to reverse initial

Some good trading results gave a 20p fillip to Executex at Ladbroke bid hoisted Home RECENT ISSUES SAC Intl (100p) SPP (125p) Templeton (215p) Ashley (L) (135p) Sigmex (101p) Snowdon & B (97p) BPP (160p) Brockmount (160p) Chart FL (86p) Chancery Secs (63p) Conv 9% A 2000 182 Spice (80p) Tech Comp (130p) Underwoods (180p) £30 ~1 'a Wellcome (120p) W York Hosp (90p) Wickes (140p) Cranswick M (95p) Dialene (128p) 185 -5 Ferguson (J) (10p) Gold Gm Trot (165o) 31 12 RIGHTS ISSUES Granyte Surface (56p) Cullens F/P

Inoco (55p) JS Pathology (160p) Jarvis Ponter (105p) 278 +2 133 110 –3 Klearfold (118p) Macro 4 (105p) Merivale M (115p) 141 -3 o a pound in places.
Oils staged a strong rally Really Useful (330p)

last long on stock markets, and by the end of the day back over \$10 a barrel provid-socialed British Ports up 48p back over \$10 a barrel provid-sociated British Ports up 48p ed sufficient impetus for ma- at 609p in response to bumper jors such as Shell - up 12p to results. Earnings up 23 per cent lifled Blockleys 15p at 930p, while trehled profits

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tion news put 58p on Williams Holdings at 67lp. Cookson followed the market trend 17p

higher at 540p. The clearance of the Charm t2p at 372p, while recent comment enabled Stylo

10 climh 18p at 271p. Banks recovered from US deht worries, although National Westminster stil) showed a 10p fall at 915p. Insurances helped by some satisfactory trding results made headway. Sun Alliance put on 23p at 711p.

There were many shares catching the gambler's eye. T Cowie rose 8p at 185p for this reasoo, while in brewers Vaux was up 15p at 465p. The stake change on Tuesday helped Oxford Instruments to a 15p rise at 493p.

Elsewhere, satisfactory trading news put 6p on AG

Fairey sold for £22 million

By Teresa Poole

Williams Holdings, the fastgrowing diversified engineering group, is buying the world's leading military bridging company. Fairey Engineering, from Pearson for £22

million Excluding the Soviet bloc, Fairey supplies 90 per cent of the world's dry gap military bridging and 10 per cent of the wet gap bridging. Its 31-metre medium girder bridge can be huilt by 24 soldiers in one hour and can support a 60tonne tank. The company also has interests in nuclear and

general engineering, including

containers.
A £150 million bid by Wittiams for McKechnie Brothers in February was blocked when McKechnie shareholders supported their company's hid for Newman Tonks. McGowan, managing director of Williams, said: "We started on the Fairey deal the day after McKechnie turned us down.

The Western market in military hridging between now and 1989 is estimated at £275 million. In 1985 Fairey made

robotics and nuclear waste pretax profits of £10.1 million on turnover of £61.2 milltion. but this year profits are expected to fail to about £4 million because of market fluctuations. Net assets, including £7 million of cash, with be £19.5 million at the time of completion, which is expected on April 24.

Williams is financing the Fairey deal, which needs shareholders approval, through a vendor placing of 3.7 million shares at 590p. Williams' share price jumped 40p to 653p on news of the

COMPANY NEWS

• DELANEY GROUP: Mr R Delaney, the chairman, said that in the first two months of this year the order book is 21 per cent higher than at same time last year.

TOWN CENTRE SECURI-

TIES: An interim dividend of 0.4p (same) is payable for the six months to December 31, 1985. With figures in £000, gross rental and lovestment income amounted to 3,334 (2,833), group revenue before interest charges 2,542 (2,091), property dealing profits 268 (nil), pretax profit 1,428 (1,102) and attributable profit 85t (60t). Earnings per share were (0.94p (0.66p)

• INOCO: No dividend will be paid for the period from April 3 1985 to December 31, 1985. Turnover for the period was £419,777, profit before exceptional items and tax was£38.396. Exceptional items were a foreign exchange loss of £51,094, revaluation of US oil and gas properties £1,184,425. Loss before tax £1,197,123, tax credit £37,511. Loss attributable

Results from Sun Life

ended 31st December 1985.

Total premium income rose by

The proprietors' share of profits rose by a record £2.5 million to

£13.4 million, 23% up on 1984.

distributed to policyholders as

A record £115 million was

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£18 million to £434 million.

Salient Points:

payable for 1985. With figures in fmillions, groop sales totalled 116.3 (133.5), trading profit 8.3 (5.8), made up of tobacco machinery 6.4 (4.9) and corrugated board machinery 1.9 (0.9). Pretax profit was 8.1 (6.0). Earnings per share were 19.2p (8.2p). Dividend payable on May 29.

• CAPITAL & COUNTIES: A planning application is being submitted for a big new shop-ping complex in Watford town centre. The partners in the £85 million development are Watford Borough Council, the Sun Alliance insurance group and Capital & Counties. The project will be built in two phases and it is hoped to make a start on the Site next year.

• ARCOLECTRIC HOLD-INGS: A final dividend of 0.47p, making 0.72p (0.65p) is payable for the year to Decem-ber 3t, 1985. With figures in £000, turnover was 6.247 (5.922) and pretax profit 283 (227). Earnings per share were 3.07p (3.13p). Despite fierce to shareholders £1,159,612 and toss per share 5.10p.

• MOLINS: A final dividend of 5.7p, mkg 7.9p (same) is the first quarter of this year.

 ASPEN COMMUNICA-TIONS: A final dividend of 1.8p, making 2.8p for the year is

· UNITED COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY
HOLDINGS/PARK PLACE:
By Tuesday of this week, 389
LICAT holdings accepted the
ord offer in respect of 2,119,701 UCAT shares (approx 84.7 per cent). Another 127 accepted the 25,292 UCAT shares (approx 1.0 per cent). Some 254 UCAT warrant holders accepted in respect of 34,944 UCAT warrants, (approx 14.1 per cent) while 159 UCAT warrant holders indicated their wish to exercise their rights to subscribe for one UCAT share in respect of each of the 89,245 warrants they hold (aprox 35.9 per cent) The offers became uncondi-tional in all respects on March 18. The ord offer and the warrant offer will remain open for acceptances until further

notice. The cash alternative ha

Hong Kong goes high-tech

From David Bonavia

Hong Kong Trading on Hong Kong's new space age stock exchange made a bearish start yesterday as leading stocks traded lower than before the Easter holiday. The sluggish launch for the

computerized, unified exchange was attributed to caution on the part of brokers, who wanted to see how the high-technology exchange would work in practice.

The territory's four exchanges have been brought into a 24,000- sq-ft hall with 800 computer consoles.

Mr Robert Li, chairman of payable for the year to December 31, 1985. With figures in £000. 1umover was 8,092 (6,894) and pretax profit 1,1606 abroad, and would make the the new exchange, said the local share market "more international."

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Sun Life:

1985 Proprietors' share of profits Sun Life Assurance Society plc 11.3 1.7 Sun Life Pensions Management Ltd 0.8 Sun Life Unit Assurance Ltd Funding development of Sun Life Trust Management Ltd 10.9 13.4 Proprietors' investment income 1.7 15.1 12.6 Assurance Society plc for the year 0.2 Expenses Employees' Profit Sharing Scheme 0.6 0.2 Proprietors' profit for year after tax 14.1 11.7 Balance brought forward Group funds now total £3.75 billion 7.4 21.5 19.0 5.5 Dividends: paid declared for payment 8.4 7.0 Balance carried forward

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"Further encouraging progress."

W. N. Menzies-Wilson, Chairman

Steady improvement in Cory

Excellent year for OCL

Dividend up 18%

	1985 £m	1984 £m
Turnover	766.9	779.8
Trading profit	18.8	16.2
Profit before tax and ship sales	37.5	24.3
Profit attributable to stockholders	16.4	14.1
Earnings per stock unit	17.5p	16.8p
Dividend per stock unit	6.5p	5.5p

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INSURANCE GROUP **RESULTS FOR 1985**

The group results for 1985, subject to audit, are as follows:-			
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Premium Income	Sim	£m	
General insurance	1,778.5	1,606.7	
Long-term Insurance	576.6	505.1	
	2,355.1	2,111.8	
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Long-term insurance profits	20.9	18.4	
Investment and other income	200.2	227.9	
GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	37.7	47.6	
Taxation	2.8	4.1	
GROUP PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	34.9	43.5	
Minority interests	7.2	6.5	
GROUP NET PROFIT FOR YEAR	27.7	37.0	
prior to acquisition		4.0	
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	27.7	41.0	
DIVIDEND	34.5	30.6	
RETAINED PROFITS TRANSFER	(6.8)	10.4	
EARNINGS PER SHARE	14.0p	20.8p	
DIVIDEND PER SHARE	17.5p	15.5p	

TERRITORIAL ANALYSIS OF GEN	VERAL INS	URANCE	RESULIS		
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United Kingdom & Ireland	817.9	(69.9)	669.3	(83.2)	
Europe	199.1	(30.8)	184.5	(11.5)	
U.S.A. (note 1)	180.2	(18.0)	272.1	(35.0)	
Canada	92.8	(17.8)	105.1	(16.2)	
Australia (note 2)	66.5	(16.7)	53.6	(6.7)	
Other overseas areas	120.8	(11.7)	141.0	(17.0)	
Reinsurance	29.2	(14.8)	36.9	(22.0)	
Marine and Aviation (worldwide)	153.0	(3.7)	144.2	(7.1)	
	1.659.5	(183.4)	1,606.7	(198.7)	
Reinsurance from Chubb Corporation	119.0				
	1,778.5	(183.4)	1.606.7	(198.7)	

Notes - (1) The U.S.A. figures for 1984 include the Phoenix's Continental pool business which was terminated on 1.1.1985. (2) The 1985 results for Australia include the business of Phoenix Prudential (formerly an associated company) which

became a wholly owned subsidiary with effect from 1.1.1985. GENERAL INSURANCE UNDERWRITING RESULTS GENERAL INSURANCE UNDERWRITING RESULTS

The premium income for the year included a premium of £119m receivable under an excess of loss reinsurance agreement with Chubb Corporation relating to anticipated future claims in respect of discontinued U.S. medical malpractice business. This reinsurance, with a fixed limit of liability, was a non-recurring facility afforded to Chubb because of the Group's close association. Excluding this reinsurance premium; general business premium income intereased by 3.3% in sterling terms. The indertying premium growth, after allowing for currency fluctuations and changes in the business portfolio was 19.3%.

At Home, the household results were badly affected by the severe weather at the beginning of the year and further adverse weather claims in December. Better results were achieved in commercial property classes, reflecting a reduction in the number of large fire losses, but substantial underwriting losses were suffered in both the commercial and private motor accounts.

In Europe, the deterioration was mainly attributable to sharply income.

in curope, the deterioration was mainly attributable to sharply increased underwriting losses in Holland and unfavourable motor experience in Denmark.

experience in Denmark.

In the U.S.A. most commercial lines are beginning to benefit from the improving market conditions but fiability results remain unsatisfactory. The underwriting loss does not include the Group's additional claims provisions in respect of its own discontinued medical malpractice business which have been met by a transfer from retained profits.

In Canada, the result suffered from an increase in large property claims and continuing poor experience in the automobile account.

The increased underwriting loss in Australia was partly due to weather losses in Bristane at the beginning of the year and in

weather losses in Brishane at the beginning of the year and in

addition there was a significant increase in the incidence of serious fires.

Elsewhere, a lew territories showed improvement but results the rundown of the Group's reinsurance business has continued that necessitated some further strengthening in reserves.

LONG-TERM INSURANCE LONG-TERM INSURANCE
Long-term insurance results were satisfactory, with particularly
good growth achieved in the individual pensions market in the U.K.
Good progress was also made in most overseas territories. The
transfer to shareholders increased by 13% compared with 13%4,

INVESTMENT INCOME In sterling terms investment income showed a decrease of 12.4% but after allowing for the financing costs of the Phoenix acquisition, changes in the Group structure and currency fluctuations, the underlying growth was 13.0%. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The costs of integrating Phoenia's general business, eximated at £33.1m, have been dealt with through revaluation reserve. After providing for these costs and other reserve adjustments the Group's net assets at 31st December. 1985 amounted to £1.316m. The solvency margin was 74%, or 79% if the reinsurance premium from Chubb is excluded.

DIVIDEND DIVIDEND
The Directors have resolved to declare at the Annual General Meeting on 21st May, 1986 a total dividend for 1985 of 17.1p per share. An interim dividend of 5.75p per share was paid on 6th January, 1986 and the final dividend of 11.75p per share will be paid.

The above statement is a summary of the year's results. The full audited Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on 25th April. 1986 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting.

SUN ALLIANCE AND LONDON INSURANCE plc

By Judith Huntley

Tarmac Properties, part of Tarmac, the construction company based in the Midands, has ambitious development plans.

It is taking the brave sten of the meighbourhood and growth seen so far have convinced him that £12 a sq ft is obtainable.

The company is exploring ways of financing the Brighton project with Morroso Greenfell record rent for campus office. Tarmac, the construction company based in the Midlands, has ambitious development plans.

It is taking the brave step of investing £30 million in a 200,000 sq ft office development in Brighton next to the Pavilion built for the Prince Regent in the eighteenth cen-tury. But there is nothing eighteenth century about the building planned by Tarmac

Properties.

An application goes to the planners this week. Brighton Couocil would gain an ice rink

and a big increase in car parking from the scheme. Tarmac Properties is bop-ing for rents of £10.50 a sq ft on the development by the time it is completed in about three years. The company has just let a small amount of space in the town at £8.50 a sq

Tarmac Properties must be Express, whose British head-

project with Morgan Grenfell Laurie. It may raise seven to 10-year money and then sell equity stakes in the completed and let development. Syndica-tioo is definitely in the

company's mind. Its joint venture with London & Edinburgh Trust, the fast growing property compa-oy, at Waterside Park in Bracknell, Berkshire, has tak-en a step nearer with the granting of planning permis-sion for the 300,600 sq ft

Tarmac Properties, which says its pretax profits equal those of LET, its partner, is aiming for rents of £12 a sq ft at Waterside.

Mr Steve Reeves, head of Tarmac Properties, says that he would have been sceptical about achieving rents at that level a year ago but lettings in grant.

Hewlett Packard, the Americao computer company set a record rent for campus office record rent for campus office space at Waterside by paying £10 a sq ft for 105,000 sq ft of space developed by LET on land bought from Tarmac. That was the beginning of the relationship between the two which led to the establishment of the joint company to develop the next 15 acre phase at Bracknell in a £50 million

partnership. Hewlett Packard, meanwhile, has just bought 25 acres of land only half a mile from Waterside, making it the larg-est owner-occupier purchase

in the area.

Tarmac Properties has another large scheme under its belt at Cardiff where it plans to develop a £30 million retail, housing, leisure and office scheme with the help of a £10 million urban development

tish Amicable, was taken by British Aerospace at a rent of £22 a sq ft, a figure which could have been higher had the covenant not been so

But the company has re-cently backed away from two potential schemes. It had placed to buy the Technicolour site close to London's Heathrow Airport and the Wilkinson Sword site

at Poyle, Hampshire. Tarmac Properties' future looks likely to stay within the parent company to which it contributes a mere 2.5 per cent of overall profits but a very

visble profile. Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman of Tarmac, is not willing to hive off his property arm despite the speculation of some and desire of others 10-3 see it floated as a separate company on the stock market.

Guardian Royal Exchange Group Results for 1985

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The Chairman's Statement last year referred to the adverse effect of professional negligence claims, particularly those written in London on an international basis involving leading accountancy firms. This class of business has been discontinued but large oumbers of claims have continued to be notified on earlier years of account and estimates on many existing claims have been substantially increased. This has been shown as a separate item of £40.6m under loss on discontinued business. In some cases the contract provides however that we must continue to offer cover to existing clients for up to three years during the run-off period. To provide for any losses which may occur under this future commitment we have thought it prudent to make provision of a further £55m. this year as an extraordinary item. The long tail nature of this business makes it difficult to estimate with accuracy, particularly in predicting the future of American legal practice, but we believe we have established a realistic estimate on the basis of current information. Tax relief will be dealt with as losses emerge and accordingly no deferred tax benefit has been assumed; the amount of tax relief on the contingency claims provision is estimated to be approximately £19m.

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The short-term business underwriting results for the year were impacted severely by claims in the first half of 1985 from natural disasters in Australasia, a cyclone affecting Canada and the U.S.A. and heavier than usual weather related claims in the U.K., Germany and France. The short-term business underwriting results for the second half of 1985 however have shown a significant improvement over the underwriting

results for the first six months of the year

and in part reflect the corrective action

which has been taken.

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The profits from our long-term business have made a useful contribution to the results. The effect of exchange rate movements has been to

The underlying investment income growth was 71/2%.

decrease net premiums by £165.7m, investment income by £21.3m and the short-term underwriting loss by £28.0m.

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During the year, and in connection with the reclassification of our short-term business, home foreign business reported previously within our U.K. results is now reported as part of the Miscellaneous result. Comparative figures for 1984 have been adjusted accordingly.

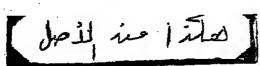
The financial strength of the Company has permitted the progressive dividend policy to be maintained and accordingly the Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend which, with the interim dividend paid in January 1986, will constitute an increase of 10.6% compared with the dividend paid to shareholders in respect of the year 1984.

If approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 28th May 1986 a payment at the rate of 19.75p per share (gross equivalent 27.82p) in respect of the final dividend will be made on 2nd July 1986 to holders of Ordinary shares whose names appear on the register at 3p.m. on 30th May 1986 making, with the interim payment in January last, a total of 28.75p (1984: 26.0p)

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Industrial buildings show recovery signs

producing industrial property, n institutional portfoli have fallen to 2 per cent by March this year, the first fall recorded by Hillier Parker, the chartered surreyor, since its records began

The firm's latest survey of £1 billion of industrial property shows that not only has non-income producing property dropped from 3.1 per cent of portfolios in 1984, but that the void rate in factories is now twice that

The findings bear out roperty market is improving slightly. But the great di-vide between north and south remains. Voids are twice as high in the north as the south despite reduc-tions in both areas over

last year's level. The lowest void rates occurred in buildings under 3,000 sq ft or over 20,000 sq ft with middle-sized ises suffering the most. Hillier Parker says that 25 per cent of the institutions it surveyed had no sm properties even though these have the lowest voids. 10-year-old buildings had

er voids than modern ones If the void rate is defined as unoccupied property, it rises to 5.2 per cent of the

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lios. And the rate rises to 8 per cent when measured as a proportion of overall floorspace.

ha contrast to the cries for higher quality space, Mr Ian Flanagau, industrial partner of Hillier Parker, comments: "Industry contimes to be cost conscious preferring slightly older but cheaper units and acce ing the inconvenience of higher maintenance costs; poor car parking and

• Nippon Telegraph & Telephone is paying £8: Telephone is paying £83,000 a year for 2,400 sq ft of space in Wates City of London Properties' and Phoenix Assurance's City Tower scheme at Beginghall scheme at Basinghall Street in the Square Mile.

The Japanese company has taken a 10-year lease on the offices. Baker Harris Saunders was the letting agent with Knight Frank & Rutley acting for Nippon.

• The developers of the ditch Warehouse in the City of London are likely to win approval from the corporation's planners for a scheme to build 230,000 sq ft of offices there. But the City is insisting that only 200,000 sq ft should be allowed above ground, and that a minimum of 11,626 sq ft of retailing goes back on the

There is a 92-ft height restriction above ground, excluding the proposed atri-um. Outline consent for the day, leaving the detailed design to be worked out. Capital & Counties

plans to develop a 500,000-s ft shopping scheme in the centre of Watford, Hertfordshire. The company has submitted a planning applica-tion to Watford Borough Council, which is a partner in Counties and the Sun Allians

Insurance Group. The new centre involves ting and expanding the John Lewis Partnership department store, extending Marks and Spencer and total of 270,000 sq ft of re-

The £85 million scheme vhich covers a 10-acre site at Watford, will link with the existing Charter Place shopping centre, owned by Watford Council and the General Accident Insurance

Phase one of the newcentre will be completed by the end of 1989. Capital & Counties is to project manage ent. The letting agents are Healey & Baker and Molyneux Rose.

Dissenters challenge units

The property industry's attempts to set up a market trading units in individual commercial properties contin-ue apace, but there are still many doubts obout the idea. Heretics in the industry may ask whether there is a

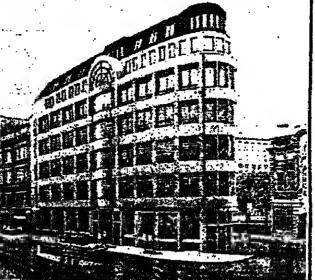
need for unitization at all. The developers and chartered surveyors see it as a way of bringing liquidity to a market io which the number of potential purchasers for large and expensive schemes is shrinking. But a number of developers

with City of London office blocks have been ingenious enough to find ways of financing their completed developnts without recourse to an untried new market, which needs legal changes before it can come into being. Falling interest rates will help developers in their search for new forms of financing.

Debenture issues, for examle, become an attractive form of funding as interest rates fall. and the method has already been tried by Rosehaugh at its l Finsbury Avenue development on the City fringes.

Selling securities in commercial property debt is an-other avenue being explored by the financial conglomerates, particularly those from the United States, where there is an established secondary

But, accepting that there is a need for unitization, there are still many unanswered ques-



Speyhawk, the property company, has sold the freehold of its joint development at 71/77 Leadenhall Street and Mitre Street in the City of London for £20 million. The offices have been bought by the Swiss Reinsurance Group which will use building as its London headquarters. Speyhawk developed the scheme with the Johnston Group, a Surrey huilder. The operty company will project manage the scheme. Swiss Reinsurance is to sell Speyhawk its former City offices at 108 Camon Street for £11 million for the 22,000 sq ft freehold huilding. Speyhawk is to redevelop the site which formerly belonged to MEPC. Sinclair Goldsmith and Mellersh & Harding are the letting agents for Cannon Street.

tions. Scrimgeour Vickers, the stockbroker, has joiced the heretics by asking whether such a market would even be

profitable. If the problems of initial valuation, the trading of units at a discount and the manage-

ment of buildings are resolved, there remains the uncertainty over the volume of trading.

Scrimgeour Vickers doubts whether there will be enough trading to produce profits for the market makers

Appellant need not attend if represented

Regina v Croydon Crown nut of courtesy to the court. Court, Ex parte Claire Before Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Mann

[Judgment given March 191 sented by counsel on his appeal to a crown court against conviction was enlitted not to be present at the hearing.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so beld allowing.

an application for judicial review by way of centiorari and mandamus to quash the decision of Croydon Crown Court refusing the application by counsel for the defendant that the hearing be beard in the defendant's absence, and direct-ing the crown court to hear the defendant's appeal.

The defendant, Errol Clair

had been charged and convicted were present at the appeal and hose appeals were allowed. Mr Edward Rees for the defendant: Mr Clive Anderson for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON said that it was quite abvious that if the crown court had heard the defendant's appeal, it would have been allowed as were the appeals by

the two other defendants.
His Lordship agreed with the submissions of counsel for the defendant that under section 122 of the Magistrates Court Act 1980, the defendant if represented by counsel, was in fact deemed to be present, and thus an application to the court to hear the appeal in the

defendant's absence was un-necessary and was merely made

It was quite clear that the defendant could appear by counsel if he wished but there was no strong obligation to be present himself.

His Lordship referred to sec-tion 79131 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 which dealt with the customary practice and procedure with respect to appeals to the crown court and to section 9(6) of the Courts Act 1971 which transferred the appellate jurisdiction of quarter sessions to the crown court and did not affect the customary practice and procedure on appeals, on which the defendant relied, and he concluded that there was no obligation on the defendant to be present if he had good reason.

His Lordship added that there was no question that the with-drawal of the appeal would ordinarily be regarded as being tantamount to an abandon-

The questions arose whether the abandonment was a nullity capable in those quite exceptional circumstances of being a

nullity.
It did not matter whether it was an abandonment by mistake, it was something which the defendant's appeal after the crown court wrongly refused to

It would be unjust if the defendant were to be left with a which ought not to be there. Mr Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co; Solicitor, Metropolitan

Industrial injury in removing danger

McGovern v British Steel Corporation Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Ralph

Undernent given March 211 An accident in which a workman injured his back while attempting to move a displaced toe-board which was obstructing a walkway at his workplace was eaused by a breach of regulation 30 of the Construction (Working laces) Regulations (SI 1966 No 94) (which required gangways to obstructions) and was also a mischief of the kind against which the regulation was in ...

tended to enant.
The Court of Appeal (Lord Tustice Raiph Gibson dissent-Corporation against a finding by Mr Justice Glidewell on February 19, 1985 that they were liable to the plaintiff, John Patrick McGovern, with an order for assessment of

Mr John Deby, QC and Mr Michael J. Taylor for the British Steel Corporation; Mr Graeme Williams, QC and Mr G Barry

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson delivered a judgment in favour of allowing the appeal,

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the "but for" test provided a useful starting point but was in inadequate criterion by It was first necessary

statutory duty and the injury which was allegedly caused by it. The next step was to trace the events which formed the links between the breach and the

Those events might involve the intervention of some human action; it would then be necessary to examine whether the intervention was a natural and probable consequence of the breach and, if so, whether the conduct of the intervener was such as to break the chain of

The onus of proving the causal connection rested on the plaintiff: it was not sufficient to prove that there was a breach of duty which might have caused his injury. The question of causation was to be decided by applying common sense to the particular facts.

gangway was 20 metres above the ground and that beneath it passed ladles of molten metal. Anyone who found an obstruction on the gangway sufficient to cause someone to trip would be

very likely to remove it.

The argument that the intervention by itself broke the chain of causation was unacceptable

on the facts. In the particular circumstances there was a sufficient link between the obstruction conclusion that the injury was

caused by the breach.

The regulation was directed to safeguard workmen from the risks of unnecessary obstruetions on gangways. By attempting immediately and reasonably to remove it the plaintiff had not taken bimself out of the protection of the regulations.
appeal should be dismissed.

The Master of the Rolls delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Turner Kenneth Brown for Jacksons Monk & Rowe, Middlesbrough; Goodswens, Middlesbrough;

Erasure of program is criminal act

Justices who found that a tangible within section 10(1) of defendant bad deliberately the Act and that erasing it did erased a computer program from the plastic circuit card of a computerised saw so as to render the saw inoperable, had properly found the defendant guilty of criminal damage under

ganty of criminal darlage under section 1(1) of the Criminal Damage Act 1971, the Queen's Beneb Divisional Court (Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice McCullough) held on March 12 dismissing an appeal ORD JUSTICE STEPHEN

BROWN said that counsel for the defendant had submitted

not amount to damage.

The charge in question alleged deliberate damage to the plastic circuit card by the removal of

erasing the program rendered the saw inoperable and necessi-tated time, labour and expense gram on the circuit card. The argument defendant's action did amount to damage to property within the meaning of the 1971

Financial aid provision is retrospective

Chebarow v Chebarow

The provisions of section 12 of the Matrimonial and Family retrospective and the court had jurisdiction thereunder to enter-tain an application for leave to apply for financial relief by a former wife against the former husband notwithtanding that the marriage between the parties

before September 16, 1985, the date that the 1984 Act came into

Mr Justice Sheldon so held in the Family Division on March 26 when granting leave to the applicant to apply for financial relief from her former husband who had been granted a decree of divorce in Lebanon on April 16, 1985, the validity of which would be recognised in England

September sittings

Practice Direction

Exercising bis powers under Order 64, rule 2(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, di-rected oo March 18, that the Court of Appeal (Civil Division) should sit during the month of September in 1986 and in future years until further notice:

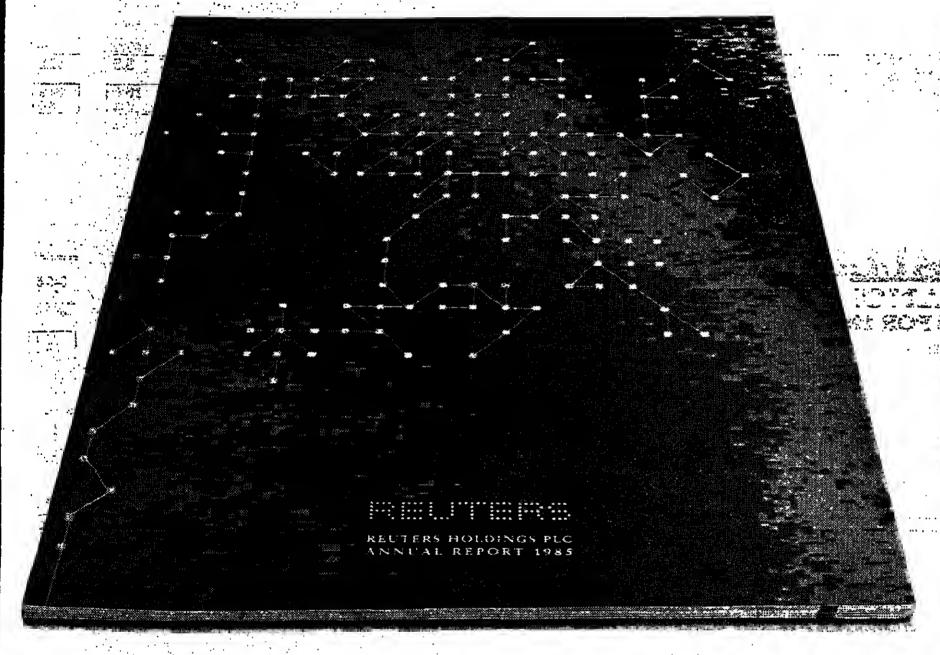
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ROLLS said that the sittings were necessary for the purpose of bearing appeals and applications during the vacation.

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eading through previous articles on this page it was surprising to find how rarely the word enterprise was mentioned. Yet this is the core of Britain's problems today and the key to its solution. Achievement. results and success are a product of mixing skills and motivation: with experience, a mixture where the key element in the package is. the word enterprise, used in its. broadest sense. If the enterprise element is right, the other elements will work well together.

There is no shortage of enter-prise in Britain today. Unfortunately, much of it is channelled in unconstructive directions - into crime, rioting, city scandals and

Britain not only needs more enterprise. It needs to ensure that this enterprise is used positively in the interests of society as a whole. Fostering enterprise is not just valuable in itself, it gives people more control over their lives, it encourages self-sufficiency and it makes people less slaves to their organizations. It also provides the freedom to make life and work more satisfying.

But perhaps even more important, it is enterprise and entrepreneurial effort that create the new

ideas, new companies and new jobs. It is the main employment growth sector. It is the key to the level of prosperity and job satisfaction.

One reason for so many negative side effects of enterprise in Britain is that our institutions and organizations are so traditional. They spend so much time looking back into the precedents of history and pandering to or appeasing vested interests. Our educational system has been geared to producing bureaucrats and academics, not self-sufficient enterprising in-dividuals. Most enterprise emerges despite the system, not

That is the magnitude of the challenge. What is the answer? To start with there will be little or no real progress if this whole issue is

seen in party political terms.
Historically, enterprise educa-tion has tended to be concerned with small business, but the basic skills are much wider. They include such characteristics as the ability to have ideas, do things differently, take initiatives, be a self-starter - get things done. So what can be done? Here it is important to recognize that some things are happening. Change is taking place in many areas and this progress needs to be recog-

Enterprise is the vital factor that is so often forgotten in the search for the key to prosperity, says Bruce Lloyd

nized, encouraged and built on. However, the education system needs further injections of enterprise from top to bottom. It seems relatively easy to have crash programmes for new computer skills, but giving enterprise a higher priority seems much more difficult. Recently mini-enterprise schemes have been started. This kind of project should be second nature to all business schools, enterprise agencies and educational establishments throughout the country. The end product of schooling should be not only the life skills to equip youngsters to look for a job, but the even more important ability to create your own work and earn a living. The

latter is very different. The energy and enterprise is there, if only it

can be encouraged and harnessed

to good effect.
The same basic issues arise in the polytechnics, universities and other institutes of higher education, again recognizing that some things have changed in the past decade - science parks and new enterprise programmes - but links with industry and commerce are not close enough. The new graduate enterprise programmes are still the exception, rather than the rule. Things are changing in the business schools and management

centres. Many more MBAs are

getting involved in running their

own companies, or moving into

rather than the rule. Perhaps the MBA needs to change its emphasis from administration to enterprise, but awarding MBEs could cause confusion with the other award. Overall government expenditure on training has increased enormously during the past five

the venture capital industry. But

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years to an annual figure of more than £1 billion. Ye: the Youtb Training Scheme is still dominated by a "skill" rather than enterprise approach. It is beginning to change, and perhaps the two-year course will help, but it is hard not to feel that attitudes and priorities in this area still leave much to be desired.

Contrast the Manpower Services Commission budget with the few hundred pounds budget of the Education Enterprise Network, who are desperately trying to effect change in teaching attitudes and methods.

The adult-education industry bas a vast_network of hoboy courses - Britain must be the most sophisticated hobby society in the world - and this can be an invaluable base for income earn-

ing, enterprise growth, Yet, very little attention is given to how these activities can be used to help people earn a living.

n this whole area the media, whether television or newspapers, have much to coniribute. Again, there has been some change in the past decade. But the Open Univer-sity and Open Tech are both still dominated by the tradition of academic teaching, rather than an enterprise approach to learning. With a few commendable exceptions, newspapers are generally more preoccupied with bingo than constructive enterprising activities. Television is preoccupied

with panel games. In another area what efforts are being put into injecting constructive enterprise-orientated training programmes into our prisons? The latest results of the prison work programme indicated a shambles, not a scandal. Yet the prisons probably hold one of the largest concentrations of entrepreneurial talent in the country!

In some parts of the country there are Livewire Twinning pro-grammes, or Johnate schemes, but these successful ideas should be applied much more widely and much more quickly, if the real needs of society and the individual

are to work together.

The idea of job clubs started recently by the MSC is a commendable initiative, but both job centres and the MSC itself tend to be over-focused on traditional approaches in the way they operate, with emphasis on skills and employment rather than

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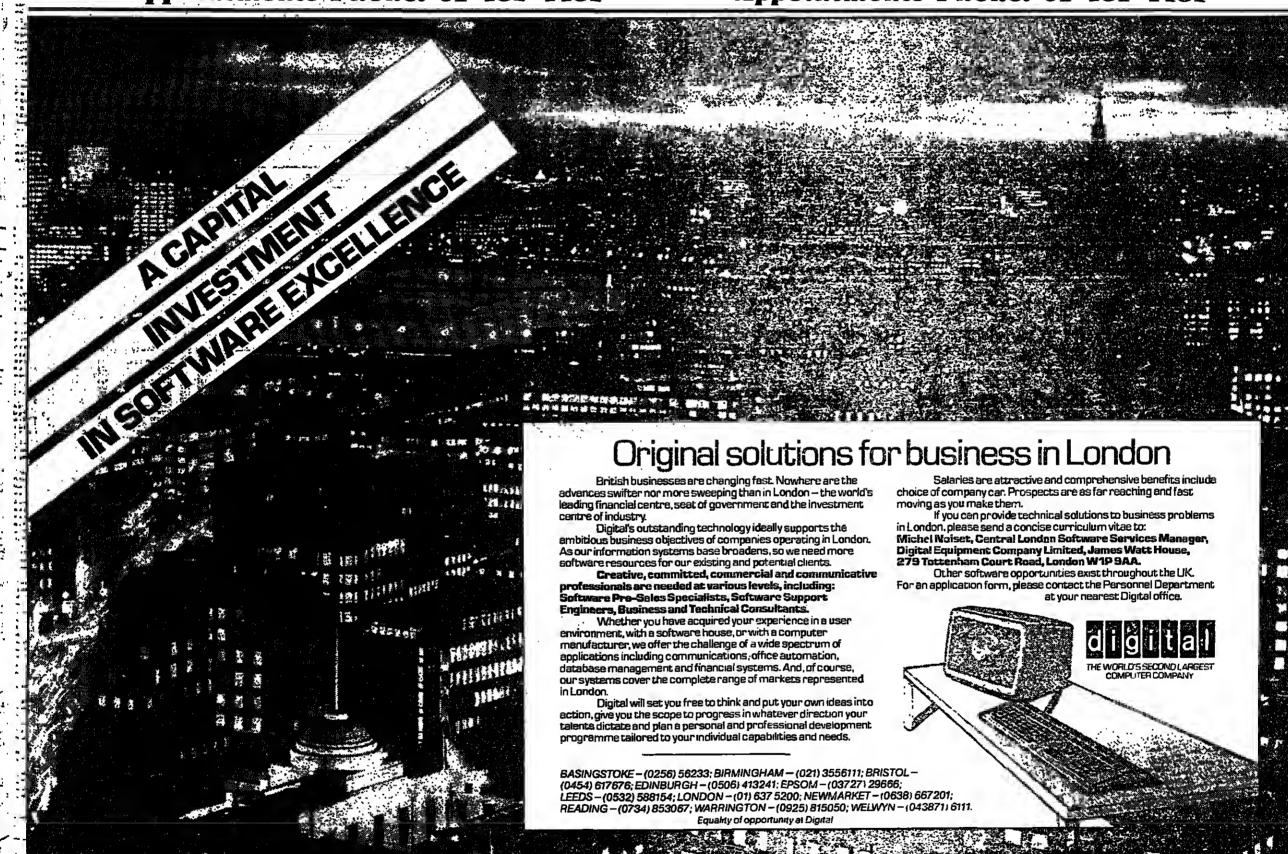
Much has also changed in the City and the financial world in the past few years - the Business Expansion Scheme, the growth of the OTC and the USM, the expansion of the venture capital industry, the explosion in management buyouts, the loan guarantee scheme, the growth of small business centres, workshops and cooperatives, as well as the priva-

tization programme. Britain did have its first Enter-prise week in May 1985, but it is a pity that this year is Industry Year, not Enterprise Year. If enterprise can be put into industry then there is a chance of solving its other problems. Industry Year needs to have enterprise at its core. If enterprise is not encouraged and developed constructively there will be little cause for optimism.

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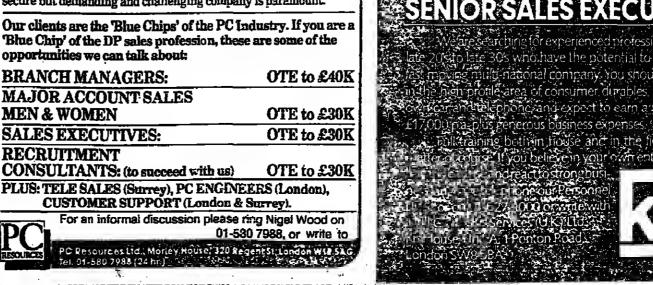
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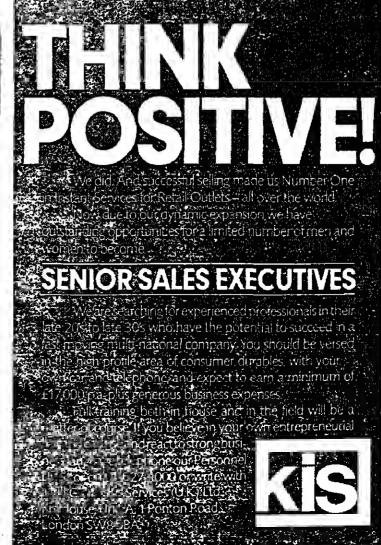
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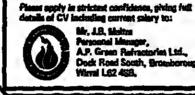
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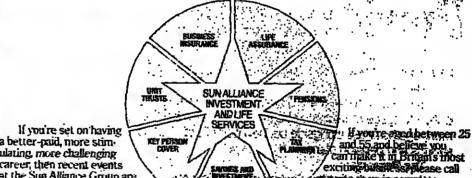
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Reading between the lines

Recently I found myself discussing the recruitment process with a friend of several years' standing. It was when we reached the topic of job advertisements that he recalled an incident from his early career as a technical college

One day his Head of Department took him aside and drew his attention to a vacancy notice in the 'Times Educapost in his discipline in that very

college.
"I've seen it," my friend replied. "In fact, I was going to ask whether you thought I should apply for it."

"Go ahead, my boy," said the other.
"It's yours."

I am sure that most job-humers can cite instances from their own experience where a job vacancy was as good as filled before it was even advertised. But it is no earthly use railing about the injustice of this practice if you happeo to be a disappointed outside candidate.

The fact of the matter is that some organisations — particularly public sector ones — publicise their vacancies as a matter of course. And while their selection procedures may be carried out impeccably, it is a trait of human nature to prefer the devil you know to the one you don't. A candidate from inside the institution therefore has a head start over his rivals for the vacancy, and in the case of my colleague it would have taken nothing less than a Nobel prizewinner to pip him to that post.

All is fair, it seems, in love, war and the job market, and the only way to come out on top is to perfect your job finding strategy. This starts not with your letter of application or your encounter with the selection board, but

Vacancies in an expanding field

with the identification of a suitable vacancy and understanding what the advertisement really means. In other words, you have to learn to read between the lioes.

When you see a senior post advertised, do you ever wonder why it is up for grabs? Is this, in fact, a genuine vacancy open to all comers, or is there some internal candidate waiting in the wings eager for promotion?

Short of enlisting the services of a private investigator there is no sure way of finding out. But you can hazard a few guesses, some of which might prove

If the vacancy occurs in an expanding organisation or field, for example, then you need have no qualms about applying for it. The likelihood is that the firm needs extra staff to assist io its development and there are nooe of sufficient calibre within the ranks of the

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- or even contracting - be prepared for disappointment. For here you are likely to be up against candidates from within the firm, and this will lesseo your

Recruitment advertising can be quite a costly business, so many firms -particularly small ones - do not advertise unless they need to. Perhaps I am somewhat gullible - a victim of excessive media manipulation - but I am inclined to feel that the larger the ad the more genuine it is.

The same goes for vacancies handled by recruitment agencies. A sensible firm does not spend perhaps thousands of pounds on commissions to outside consultants if the next incumbent of the post works in an office just along the

Outside consultants generally have a more objective idea of a particular post than the firm itself, and this can work in the applicant's favour. The description of the job will be factual and reliable since they are in the business of communicating their clients' requirements effectively io order to attract suitable applicants.

If the vacancy ootice emanates from the company itself, you may need to scrutinise the wording with care. The firm which considers itself to be "wellestablished" and offers "an exceptional opportunity to the right person" could well have seen better days and be looking for someone who will oot rock the already leaking boat.

As the other end of the scale the 'young, dynamic hi-tech company" is io need of "an experienced accountant" could well be headed by a group of unworldly boffins who have got themselves into an unholy financial mess.

To either confirm or refute your guesswork you need to get hold of past reports and any other literature relating to the firm to which you are applying. Not only will you find out if your prospective employers are financially viable, but you should be able to learn something of the organisation's management style.

This is an important point. There, is no point in joining an outfit where-you'll be a square peg io a round bole. If you and the firm turn out to be ill-suited

back on the dole within a matter of

To change the subject slightly, have you ever had the experience of being turned down for a post and then seen it re-advertised? Infuriating, isn't it? But instead of cursing the people who rejected you, why not pen a brief letter to them indicating that your services are still available?

The vacancy, after all, could have resurfaced for any number of reasons. The appointee might have let the organisation down at the last moment. It may have been decided to revise the terms of reference of the job. Or perhaps some hapless junior clerk put all the applicants CVs through the shredder by

mistake! Everything is possible — even in the best regulated personnel offices.

The recurrent advertisement could signify a number of things. A company may, for example, advertise even if it has no vacancies io prospect, the reason being that it likes to test the market for personnel in certain fields. If someone exceptional turns up, then they might well create a position for him or her, but otherwise they are under no compulsion to make an appointment.

On the other band such an ad could mean that the organisation has difficulty in recruiting or retaining staff, is which case further investigation is called for. Are they simply bad employers - poor pay, uncongenial working conditions - or is there a shortage of skilled personnel in that particular area? Or perhaps the selectors feel that their first trawl has not brought in sufficient

When appointment is a foregone conclusion

applicants of the calibre they hoped for, so they are having another attempt at

By this stage you may be starting to regard every job notice you see with the profoundest mistrust, but do oot let your heightened perceptioo deter you from applying for as many jobs as you

By all means scrutinise each ad with care, but do not admit defeat before you even start your application. The outsider is oot always oo the outside lane, and there are firms around who are bold enough to favour new blood rather than recruit from within.

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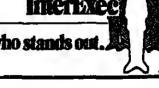
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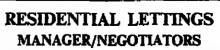


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Waldegaard, the veteran Swede,
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The shining lights in the life of Reilly

It was worrying at the time, but Malcolm Reilly can now look back with wry amusement to the occasion at Brisbane Kath Markin to the occasion at Brisbane Airport when a pretty young woman was used as bait in an attempt to serve him with a civil writ for assault on an Australian coach. When the Great Britain party's plane was about to take off, the intercom amouncement asked for Mr Malcolm Reilly to press his light button. Every light in the plane went on as the British party pressed in unison, and the pretty young lady gave ap.

a prospect at one stage that he might have to go to jail after gening involved in what he enphemistically calls "an alterention" with an Australian

but the charge was distuissed, partly through the defence of extreme provocation and partly because Reilly was due to play in an international match against Australia. However, the bruised and affronted Ryan tried to serve and attrouted tyan tred to serve a civil writ for damages for assault, using a pretty girl courier as bait, and Reilly almost fell for the beckoming eye and invitation before a red light shone in his mind, and be boarded the plane at Brisbane

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He still had to pay thumping court costs, and all 26 players chipped-in to belp pay them, yet another sign of the espris de corps that motivates the best touring sides. Indeed, 1970 was the later touring in which County Malcolm Reilly, who pronounces his name Reely, was a
22-year old roistering forward
for Castleford with a hairtrigger temper in those days.
Now, at a more mature 38, he is
the longest serving coach in:
Rugby League, and has just,
league Castleford into the Challeague Cup final for the first time
by coaching his club to victory.

steered Castleford into the Challenge Cup final for the first time since he played in a winning side for the cinb at Wembley in 1976. After three heartbreaking semi-final defeats in four seasons, Reilly saw his side beat Oldham at Wigan to qualify for a joust at Wembley against either Hull Kingston Rovers or Leeds. It has been a long wait since he first took over the coaching reins at Wheldon Road back in 1974, when he was still their cup games against Barrow,

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Australia. However, the orused and affronted Ryan tried to serve a civil writ for damages for assault, using a pretty girl courier as bait, and Reilly almost fell for the beckoning eye and invitation before a red light shone in his mind, and be boarded the plane at Brisbane Airport. Then followed the incident where the touring party, together after Wembley.

Cheese-lover proves a fly in the ointment By Conrad Voss Bark

The corruption of the world has spread to fly fishing. Shock, horror, but it is true. There was a FISHING horror, but it is true. There was a case last season at one of our better known troot lakes which sent a shiver through the fly fishing community which would be comparable to a force 12 earthquake on the Richter scale. It was unbelievable but it happened. A day ticket angler was discovered patting cheese on his fly. trained to make use of the old

fly.
"By God, sir!" said the pur-pling fishery manager. "Out you go!" And out he went, but he turned up again at another day ticket water — persistent fellow — with an even bigger piece of Cheddar and a greater determination than ever to catch his limit with his cheese fly. Ouce again he was evicted and the word went round. Keep out so and so, address so and so, car registration number and so on. But – how embarrassing to write all this – this was not all. Worse, if it could be worse, was

At another distinguished trout lake, which had a limit of four

trained to make use of the old poaching trick of putting them down your waders. Anyway, be has now gone down on the blacklist which is being coupled by the Fishery Managers' Association to be circulated from time to time to its members, who are the owners or managers of virtually all the major privately owned stillwater trout is beries.

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Fortunately, there are not many crooks about, or at least not many crooks that we know about, but a virus seems to break out from time to time. A maggot on a Mallard and Claret is a considerable help to some reservoir fishermens to get their limit and they seem to be careless enough to leave the empty bait tin under the boat seat as evidence afterwards.

At another distinguished trout lake, which had a limit of four fish, one of the rods was half a chance they could be well discovered on leaving to have—into the black murket economy, no, no, impossible, but it is true—no less than 12 troot in his fishermen a few years back—fishing bag, which means of and they may still be doing it for course that he was a highly all I know—who were catching incompetent crook, probably a beginner, for the bag was balging like a balloon.

He had obviously not been their tickets.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Williams v King a Lynn, Midland division: Merthyr Tydli v VS Rugby; Oldbury Littly Sutton Coldfield: Stourbridge v Browssarove Rovers-Southern division: Dover Athleto v Hastings: Enth and Belveders v Woodford. VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Epsom and Ewell v Billencity; Stough v Hischin; Worming v Dulwich. First divisions Grays Athletic v Utondge (7.45); Harlow v Walton and Hersham.

(7-05) Pierrole V Walton and Pergram.
Second division north: Barton Marigen; v
Slavenage Boro; Tring v Saffron Walden;
Wolverton v Ware (7-45), Second division south: Eastfourne v Southell (7-45);
Wolking v Whytelesile. AC Delca CUP;
Semi-final: Second leg: Sutton Utd v
Hamoton. Hampton.

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Rothwell LEAGUE First division: Ourby V Userpool. Second division: Grinsby V Okinsm; Notts County v Donosser: Rotherbar v Port Vale. FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fuller v

OTHER SPORT
RUGBY LEAGUE. Six Cut Challenge
Cut: Semi-linei replay: Leads v Hull RR
(at Leads FG). League: Second division:
Rochalds v Hunder (7 AS).
BADMINTON: Carlton ESRA Inter-county
Championships (at Nottingham
University).
GOLF: Ladles: London Foursomes (at Rochard Hundred GC).
TENES: Linconships open championships (at Grantham).
BASKETBALL: British Missiers: Counterfeest Manchester Glants v Felicit.

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Wayward Lad on course for revenge

(Michael Phillips) The spirit of National Hunt racing is embodied in today's Whitbread Gold Label Chase at Liverpool with Dawn Run and Wayward Lad taking on one another again just three weeks after their epic race in the Tote Gold Cup at

Cheltenham. Were this a Flat race, the chances are that one of them would have ducked the issue for fear of being beaten sadly that has become one of the trends of the commercial climate in which that part of the sport basks these days.

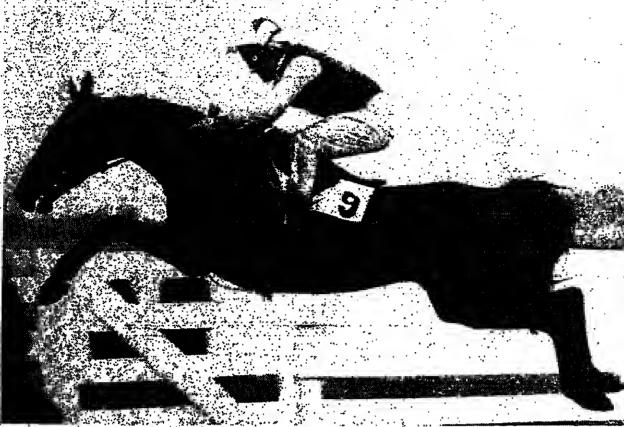
In napping Wayward Lad to beat Dawn Run this time and thus take his revenge on the great Irish mare, I am putting my faith in the opinion of his jockey, Graham Bradley. After the Gold Cup, having paid. due tribute to Dawn Run, Bradley said that he would have won if Wayward Lad had been able to have a race since Boxing Day.

The Saturday before Cheltenham, Bradley told me at Sandown that he thought Wayward Lad would run really well but, deep down, he felt the lack of a preparatory race would find bim out. And so it proved. Ridden to perfection, Wayward Lad came to win his race only to falter in those last agonizing yards and succumb to Dawn Run's late counter-

Now, with a recent race under his belt, he should be at his peak and I take him to cut Dawn Run down to size at the end of a slightly shorter race on a course less demanding than Cheltenham.

The mare will almost certainly have to make all her own running again. That should suit Bradley down to the ground because he will want to sit on her tail and wait as long as possible before he tries to beat her for speed over and after the last. These were the tactics that John Francome used to such effect on Wayward Lad on this very occasion 12 months ago and I think that they will prove

House in the Queen Mother ham race really well but I still Champion Chase over two doubt whether he can give 4lb



The only time he has run over three miles was at Ascot in February and that was incon-

vessel that day. Those who think West Tip capable of winning Saturday's Grand National will be looking to Beau Ranger to run respectably, even in this exalt-ed company. Recently Bean Ranger was runner-up to West

Tip at Newbury.
The meeting begins on a high note with the Whitoread Best Scotch Novices Hurdle, which features River Ceiriog, the runaway winner of the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices Hurdle at Cheltenham, and Riva Rose.

I saw River Ceiriog in his box in Lambourn on Tuesday For Very Promising, the evening and it was apparent gallant runner-up to Buck that he had taken his Chelten-

BBC

fact remains that, at Ascot in February, he was beaten three lengths by Riva Rose. The clusive as he broke a blood latter was ridden that day by an inexperienced 7lb claimer. who lost his irons jumping the last hurdle.

Also, by taking direct form lines through Teletrader, who was runner-up to Riva Rose at Ludlow and second to Canute Express at Chepstow, and Canute Express, who was fourth to River Ceiriog at Cheltenbarn it is possible to argue that there is little between today's principals. So, the 4lb allowance today looks crucial

No matter how River he would if the handicap were Ceiriog fares, Nicky Henderson, his trainer, and Steve Smith Eccles, his jockey, should not leave the track unrewarded as they have an excellent chance of winning I think that Preben Fur is the Whitbread Pale Ale equal to that daunting task.

Liverpool selections

2.0 Riva Rose, 2.35 WAYWARD LAD (nap), 3.10 Indamelody, 3.45 Preben Fur, 4.20 Strands Of Gold, 4.50 Hazy Sunset.

PORME_CROSS_MASTER_(11-4) won hd from STRANDS OF GOLD (11-4) with STEARSBY (11-4) 3rd beaten 4. BURANNSOUR (11-4) 5th beaten 5th, and FUNGE DE-LIGHT (11-4) 7th beaten over 10. THE LANGHOUR DYER (11-3) 5th, 30 rm. Chenerham Str. ch good Mar 12. ARAPAND PRINCE tatest pulled up, earlier (11-5) 3rd beaten 4th to Joe's Fanby (10-2) 15 ran. Doncester 3m 122yd nov ch good Jan 24. KING JD (11-5) 2rd beaten 10 Jampier (9-7) 18 ran. Lustow 2m 4f nov h cap of soft Mar 27. ROYAL JET 168. The arrier, (11-8) won 13d from Timeless Flight (10-8) 11 ran. Newcastle 3m nov ch soft ten 11.

11-4 Fifty Dollers Mors, 7-2 Direct Line 4-1 Hazy Sunset, 6-1 Voice of Prograss 6-1 ers Laddie 10-1 The County Stone 12-1 Karadomors, 20-1 others.

4.50 CHESTERS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,900: 2m 4f) (9)

3.0 (2m 2! hdle) 1, CUMMEW (C Cox, 5-1); 2, Whenry Burn (K Mooney, 7-1); 3, Laisesse (M Pimer, 6-1); ALSO RAN-5-4 fav Yeomen Broker (6th, 16-1 Airborne Deal (RR), 14-1 Se My Wings, Themes Trader, 25-1 Windsor Warrior, 33-1 Rusiche (351), Venetien Princesse (will, 50-1 Berbican, Airs, Burns Lad (4th), Can't Disclose, Mors One Way, Barry (p.u.), Tutor's Naphew, Widgery Royale (p.u.) 10 ran, Nr. Saby Boy, 12, 134, 15, 13, 4, N Vigors at Upper Lambourn, Total 25,90; 92,80, 92,50, 21,50, CSF, 238,65.

238.65.

1.30 (2m 2/110) yd.ch) 1, TAKEAFENCE (Mr B. Dowling, 6-1); 2, Autumn Zulin (R. Rowell, 6-1); 3, Mercy Lees (R. Rowe, 3-1).

ALSO RAN: 5-2 (sw. Cresum (fiel), 5-1 Curtyside Battle (p.u.), 16-1 Nockel Bear (p.u.), 25-1 Maneton Marander (p.u.), 7 (2n. NR: Medin Boy. 41, 51, M Herricons at Cresnosatior, Total: 27.30; 52.90, 52.00. DF: 214.30. CSP: 236.23.

603 1-13020 FIFTY DOLLARS MORE (C-D) (Shelich All Abu Kharnsin) FT Winter

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely 2.0 Riva Rose 3.10 Emo Forever. 3.45 Macoliver.

Wayward Lad demonstrates the jumping ability which has helped him to win the King George VI Chase three times miles at Cheltenham, this will to Riva Rose. River Ceiriog's Handicap Hurdle with Macoliver, from the stable be his first attempt at a performance at Cheltenham distance beyond three miles. took the breath away but the looks the epitome of a chaser, win the race 12 months ago. my selection is happier when looks the main danger. is hurdling. He was certain-With Cross Master, Strands

Of Gold, Stearsby and Fudge Delight all standing their ground, the Whitbred Best ly far from disgraced in his last race at Uttoxeter when failing to give 24th to Water Cannon. Mild Chase is virtually a whose young rider managed to give bis rivals the slip that day. replay of the Sun Alliance Preben Fur has been in the Chase at Cheltenham. Strands back of my mind as a possible Of Gold meets Cross Master on 61h better terms for a head winner of the Whitebread Trophy (formerly the Topham defeat and that should be Trophy) since he was successful over 24 miles at Kelso in decisive. Finally, I have a feeling that

Newcastle in January.

Hazy Sunset will come good December and 21/2 miles at at last in the Chester Handicap Now, seeing the opposition Chase over a distance that should suit him ideally. At Sandown last time out he on the day, his chance has come to the fore even though found the nippy Lefrak City he has a bit more to carry than just a shade too quick for him extended. The important over only two miles. Nevertheless, that was a good run thing to consider in this race is that they will be jumping the and earlier in the season he Aintree fences proper and, like won over today's distance at Sandown before being narhis trainer, Gordon Richards, I think that Preben Fur is rowly beaten over the same

Classified changes hands on eve of **National meeting**

By Michael Seely

Classified, fifth in last year's have in training for this season. Discussing the chances of his ew ownership at Aintree on attorday. The 10-year-old was Grand National, will run under new ownership at Aintree on Saturday. The 10-year-old was bought for an undisclosed sum in n private deal yesterday and will run in the colours of the Cheveley Park Stud. The deal was handled by David Minton, who acts as

racing manager to the Newmarket stud owners. He said: "It will be their first runner in the race. They just fancied the idea race. They just fancied the idea of a runner in the Grand National." Minton added: "He's a fresher horse than when he ran in the race last year and performed well at Cheltenham last time." The borse stays in training with Nicky Henderson at Lambourn and will be partnered by Steve Smith Eccles on Saturday.

on Saturday.

Cheveley Park, who stand
Music Boy and Tina's Pet at
their stud, have horses in training on the Flat with Michael
Stante Luca Content and John Stonte, Luca Cumani and John Winter. The sprinters, Primo Dominie and Prince Sabo, and

the miler, Scottish Reel, are among the smart horses they

well but I must emphasize that I need good ground for both horses. The Tsarevich has a touch of class at the weights and I think his jumping is right for

the job."
Whether Henderson will get the ground he needs remains to be seen as the going on the National coarse yesterday was good to soft and the forecast for the next two days is occasional showers. The going on the Mildmay and burdles course is good, according to Hugo Bevan, the assistant clerk of the course.

There was significant support in the offices yesterday for two previous winners, Halla Dandy and Last Suspect, with Hills reducing offers on both by two points to 16-1 and 14-1 respectively. Hills have West Tip us their class formation 4.2.1 but their clear favourite at 8-1 but Ladbrokes make Mr Snugfit their market leader at the same price following support for Mick Easterby's nine-year-old

William Crump keeps Mullion flag flying

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

The colours of Mrs Jim Mullion are much better known in the Flat racing world than to jumping enthusiasts as the products of her Ardenode stud in Co. Kildare have won classic races in Ireland, England and France. However, at Fairybouse yes-terday, one of the few hurdlers she has in training, William Crump, collared the front-running Ararun to win the Huzzar Handicap Hurdle.

For the greater part of the race Ararun threatened to turn it into a procession as be bowled along a caren lengths clear, But he made a bad mistake at the second last flight and bad nothing left when William

Crump came to jump the last burdle hurdle alongside him. William Crump drew away from Argrun on the Flat but, in the final 100 yards, Tommy Morgan had to pull out all the stops as Sly Grin finishing fastest of all and came through on the rails to force a photo finish. William Crump was the

£880: 5f) (12)

second big-race winner of the week for his trainer, Dessie Hughes, who turned out Bartres to take the Power Gold Cap the previous afternoon. Attitude Adjuster extended his winning sequence to three in the Coolmore Joseph O'Reilly

rial Cup and was sent off at the generous price of even money. He beat a good field in the Christie's Foxhunters Chase at Cheltenham and had only three opponents here but was opposed from odds-on following

the gamble on the newcomer, Over The Road. This was another instance, though, where the form book and not the betting money proved the more accurate guide to the outcome. Meanwhile, looking towards the future of Aintree, the course manager, John Hughes, said in an interview on Irish television

yesterday that they would not be looking for extra racing dates for Aintree for at least another four to five years, "There is still a lot of work to be done," he said.

3.45 EBF CAMPSIE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O:

D QUICK STICKS D Chapman 6-11 ... 4 SEATON GIRL (BF) T Barron 6-11.

Lateral 4.15 Faline. 4.45 Via Satellite.

2.15 Dick Knight. 4.15 Taranga.

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3 40-0 GLORIANT M BRIDGE D Moltait 9-0 ...
5 6 PETEMCORE J Redtern 9-0 ...
7 0- RAAS 3 Norton 9-0 ...
8 002- TARANGA M Tompkins 9-0 ...
9 ADHARI (B) B Hanbury 0-11 ...
15 6 FALINE M Franca 8-11 ...

9-4 Lateral, 3-1 Panboy, 5-1 Bantel Blazer, 13-2 Seaton Girl, 9-1 Minizen Lad, 10-1 U-Bix Copy, 12-1 Area Code, 18-1

Hamilton selections

15 Balgownie, 2.45 Forcello. 3.15 Martella. 3.45

By Mandarin

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

4.15 DECHMONT MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: 2778:

15-8 Faline, 9-4 Adhart, 7-2 Taranga, 5-1 Gioriant, 12-1 Raps, 14-1 others.

4.45 MIDDLEWARD HANDICAP (£1,623: 6f) (10)

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Cannons throw down the gauntlet

SQUASH RACKETS

By Colin McQuillan Cannons Club, having won the fiercely contested American Express premier squash league on a countback to games difference, yesterday threw the competition back into the melting pot by challenging Ardleigh Hall, their leadership rivals throughout the second half of the season, to a match for the combined first and second

Garry Oliver, manager of the fashionable London sports club, wants to meet the Ardleigh Hall team on the all-transparent Perspex showcourt at Wembley during this month's British Open Championships for a match purse of £4,500.

The excitement of this

league was incredible right up to the last match of the final fixture." Oliver said. His players won 13 matches and lost five during the season, winoing 55 individual ties and losing 35. Ardleigh Hall finished with the same statistics and actually won two more games than us, but our games difference at 193 won and 145 lost was better than theirs at 195 to 165."

To cap it all. Canoons lost to the runners-up, who are based in Colchester, both home and away, "They were just unlucky that the rules call for games difference instead of games won." Oliver continued "We won," Oliver continued. "We are not about to give up the Amea Trophy, but we can offer Ardleigh Hall the chance of

winning the big purse."

Cannons defeated Edgbaston Priory 4-1 to make sure of the title, but were forced to wait anxiously for fifteen minutes before hearing from Ardleigh that Martin Bodimeade had lost narrowly to Geoff Williams in his team's vital match against Manchester Northern. A Bodimeade win would have taken the trophy to Essex by one point. Defeat led to the unfortu-

nate countback. The misfortunes of Ardleigh Hall do not end there. The club is facing a far worse fate than the team, with the owners, a local building consordum, threatening to demolish the building and redevelop it as an old people's bome unless a buyer with £250,000 appears by April 13. There is a plan for 100 club members to buy life member-ship at £3,000 each and thus

remove Ardleigh Hall perma-nently from the commercial sector. The challenge from Cannons, Oliver believes, might allow the premier league players to make their own contribution

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RESULTS: Edgbaston Priory 1 Carnons 4: Ardiegh Hall 3, Manchester Normern 2; Chapet Aberton 4, Redwood Lodge 1; Nottingham 5 Durnings Mill 0; Squash Lecester 5, Armiley 0, Final Leegus Poelitome: 1, Cannons 67 ps; 2, Ardiegh Hall 81; 3, Chapet Allerton, 72; 4, Nottingham 69; 5, Cayash Lecester, 69; 6, Manchester Normern, 67; 7, Edgbaston Priory 68; 8, Remone Mill; 60; 9, Agentse.

CRICKET **Cup winners** to receive more money

Half of this year's £4.000 increased Benson and Hedges Cup prize money will go to the winners. The winning county in the final on July 12 - a week earlier than normal to avoid clashing with the British Open golf championship — will collect £19,000. The losers will receive £9,500, an increase of £1,000. Each of the losing semi-finalists and quarter-finalists will receive £250 and £125 more than last summer - £4,500 and £2,250, but the rest of the prize pool remains unchanged. The winners of the zonal matches will get £725, in which the gold awards will be worth £125. In the quarter-finals the gold swards will be increased to £200, in the semi-finals to £275. £200, in the semi-finals to £275, and the final to £550. The £82.400 cash awards come out of the £422.000 sponsorship fee paid to the Test and County Cricket Board by Benson and Hedges. As agreed at the spring meeting of the TCCB last month, rain-affected matches will be decided by a final cides. will be decided by a five-a-side bowling competition.

Easy win for Sri Lanka

Kandy (Reuter) - An un-beaten 68-run stand between Ranatunga and Gurusinghe belped Sri Lanka to an easy seven-wicket win over Bangladesh and a place in the three-nation Asia Cup tournament final here vesterday.

Sri Lanka, after restricting Bangladesh to 131 for eight in 45 nvers, replied with 132 for three

Total (for B wkts, 45 overs) Hafizur Rahman dd not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-29, 3-49, 4-92, 5-119, 6-110, 7-120, 6-125.

92, 5-119, 6-110, 7-120, 6-126.
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-63, 3-64,

LIVERPOOL

Televised: BBC1: 2.35, 3.10, BBC2: 3.45, 4.20. Geing: good to soft (National course); good (hurdles, Mildmay) 2.6 WHITEREAD BEST SCOTCH NOVICE HURDLE (E5,836: 2m) (17



7-4 Piver Cetriog, 8-1 Russistone, 13-2 Jesper, 7-1 Pive Rose, 8-1 Zulto, 10-1 The Clown, Honeygrove Banker, 12-1 I Bin Zaldoon, 20-1 others.

2.35 WHITBREAD GOLD LABEL CUP CHASE (28,538: 3m 1f) (4) 201 193212 WAYWARD LAD (C-D) (Mrs S Thewis) Mrs M Dickhwon 11-11-13 @ Bradley
202 3-11162 VERY PROMISING (Mrs J Maunders) D Necholson 6-11-9 P Scalesons
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204 030002 BEAU RANGER (White Bros Lig J Thoma 6-17-5 H Darker
19-11 Daren Run, 7-4 Weyward Lad, 8-1 Very Promising, 18-1 Beau Ranger.

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3.10 WHITEREAD PALE ALE HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,524: 2m 5f 110yd) (14)

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3-1 Southernair, 4-1 Sallor's Dence, 9-2 Cats Eyes, 6-1 Emo I muslody, 10-1 Chryssor, 12-1 Lochboladaie, 20-1 others.

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Hamilton results

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2.10 (†m 40yd) 1, MARINA PLATA (D. Nichols, 7-1); 2, Lost Opportunity (G. Nichols, 7-1); 2, Lost Opportunity (G. Spater, 13-8 fav); 2, Mr. Kawesili (R. Cochrane, 9-0, ALSO RAN; 12-1 Northern Plang 8th; 26-1 Bentil Bearr 5th, Master Music, 25-1 Moving Performance, Van Der Pup 4th, 8 ren 194, 41, 301, 154, 11. O Chepman at Stiffington, Tolk: 29.30; 21.70, 21.20, 21.30, DF; E7.60, CSF; 21.68.

2.45 (Im 16 1, ELEGANT BILL (M. Beecroft, 5-2); 2, Brave and Bold -R. Cochrane, 16-11 fav. 3, Ground Rectant (G. Duffield, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 16-1 Beihit 4th. 4 ran. 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, Trighturst at Michigham. Tota: E31,10. DF: 21.90. CSF: 51.02

2.15 (1m 40)r3 1, JOHN GILDIN (R Cochrané, 5-15; 2, Prince Oberon S Cochrané, 14-1); 3, Qualitairese (A Murray, Webster, 14-1); 3, Qualitairese (A Murray, 12-1) ALSO RANE 2-1 fav Hindday Lane 8th, 11-2 Jene's Brave 80%, 15-2 Berndoro Sth, 2-1 Sway, 16-1 My Hend-Berndoro Sth, 2-1 Sway, 16-1 My Hend-Roman State (1-1) Sway, 16-1 My Hend-Roman Berndoro State (1-1) Sway, 16-1 My Hend-Berndoro Sway, 1

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3, My Danye (R Cochrana, 7-4 tw). ALSO RAN: 100-30 El Alamein 5th, 16-1 Puncle Creak 4th. 5 ran. 31, MJ, 254, 151, J S Wilson at Ayr. Tota: P2-90; \$1-20, \$2-40. DF: \$1.20, CSF: \$18.51. Fontwell Park

E14.50. CSF: £26.28.
4.8 (2m 2i hole) 1, HEART OF STONE [HDanes, 2-11; 2, Musical Mystery (R Rowe, 13-8 tay); 3, San Carlos (B Powel, 7-2).
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Bronze Elfigy (4th), 12-1 Visuals (5th), 20-1 Broken Tackle (p.u.), 5-1 Our hobby (p.u.) 100-1 Mariner's Bell (p.u.) 5 mn. 8 1. 20, not recorded, not recorded. R Alsohnett at Epsem. Tols: £220; £1.10, £1.60, £1.10. DF: £3.20.
CSF: £5.77 CSF: 25.77

A30 (3an 2f 110yd ch) 1. GOLDEN
HORNET (R Stronge, 2-f tav); 2. Star
Gazatte (R Earnstraw, 100-30; 3.
Bellydough (Mr I Hervey, 35-1). ALSO
RAN: 4-f Dr Pepper (5th), 5-f Laurence
Rambler (4th), 12-f Gragueremanagh
(pul), Moridon RB (pul), 33-f Den't Touch
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(pul), Spinning Real (pul), Sarefia (pul), 10
ran, HP: Kinght Of Lova, 8, 15, 11, not
noorded, K W Durn at North Tawdon.
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23.10. CSF: 29.88 TRICAST: 2138.82.
Placeport £13.70

Course specialists LIVERPOOL

TRAINERS: F Wahayn 0 winners from 27 runners, 33.3%; P Mullins 4 from 16, 25.0%; M Pipe 2 from 9, 22.2%.
JOCKEYS: R Beggan 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; K Mooney 2 from 10, 20.0%; H Davies 3 from 19, 15.9%. HAMILTON TRAINER®: Mrs G Reveloy, 6 winners from 37 runners, 21.5%; N Tinkler 6 from 32, 18.8%; S Norton 21 from 133, 15.8%, JOCKEYS: M Hindley 6 winners from 20 rides, 30.0%; R Cochrane 5 from 30, 20.0%; Paul Eddery 6 from 31, 19.3%.

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TRAINERS: R Holder 9 winners from 48 numers, 20.9%; J Thoma 17 from 111, 15.3%; M Pipe 25 from 177, 14.1%. JCKEYS: C Brown 14 winners from 90 rices, 15.8%; Poer Hobbs 5 from 32, 15.8%; P denion 6 from 40, 15.6%. Blinkered first time HAMELTON: 4.15 Acheri.

Point-to-point winners

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DENERGES: Heart Mackimus, Adt. Conjet
Way, Ladder: Flying Ace, Open: Drummond
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Ladies: Corel John. Open: Acother Smort.
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Physics.
PYTCHLEY: Heart Alterpreterry Ross. Adt.
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Open: Hurry Up Heavy, Reat: The Little Bag,
Mich & Royal Vine, Mich It Coeffis.

HAMILTON PARK Going: soft

Draw: 5f-6f, middle to high numbers best 2.15 AUCHINRAITH APPRENTICE. HANDICAP

	(2895: 1m 3f) (10 runners) 7 60-0 DICK IONIGHT (C-D) A Bailey 5-9-7 L Ford (3) 6 10 210- MILISTCAL WILL T Farhurs (4-9-8 M Thylor (3) 6 11 2-11 BAL, GOWNE J Mubble 8-9-1 (5ext) M Richardson 6 12 600- SIR TAN ZAMAN J S Wilcon 5-9-0 E Turner 16 14 000/ RURAL SCENE T Berron 7-8-12 B McGniff 1 17 00-0 SHERIPAMAN II Chapman 7-8-7 A Roper 9 18 609- STARTS DIELIGHT W Storey 4-8-7 J Colone 5 19 000-3 CHRISTMAS HOLLY MAY G Reveloy 5-8-7 C Coopy (3) 2 20 00-0 TAXINETTE A DRIVSON 4-8-6 J J.Capt 7 2-4 Balgownis, 3-1 Dick Knight, 5-1 Musical Will, 0-1 Star's Delight, 6-1 Mr Llon, (2-1 Subra Zaman, 14-1 others.
Mer 27. MACQUIVER (16-13) 2nd beaten 8 to Northern Buy (16-10) 12 ran. Mohverhampton 3n 4f hickpich good to firm Mer 14. MiCKLE MIOPPET (11-7) 3nd beaten 3 to Oyster Pond (11-6) 6 ran. Doncaster 2n 4f hicapich good to firm Mer 3. PRESEN FUR (10-3) won 20 from Binge (16-1) 6 ran. Newcestia 2m 4f hicapich heavy jan 22. STAUNTON fit from recent outings in point-to-points, earlier (11-1) 2nd beaten 11 to Fethard Friend (12-0) 10 ran. Towcester 3m hicapich good to frim May 24. Selection: RUN TO 46E	2.45 HOLYTOWN MAIDEN STAKES (£840: 1m 1f) (9) 1 ACKA'S BOY D Moting 48-7

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-	14		FORCELLO (USA) 5 Norton 3-8-3 J Lowe !
1	17	- 5	PARKES SPECIAL J Parkes 3-8-0 T Parkes (7) 1

11-16 Forcello, 3-1 Philly Athletic, 0-1 Golden Boy, 9-1 and Celebration, 10-1 Bersel Bushy, 12-1 Poco Loco, 14-1

3.15 QUARRY SELLING HANDICAP (£681: 1n 40yd) (6)
1 48-0 SWEET GENMA N Trider 48-16 J H Brown (S) 2 034 GILLANDONE B McMahon 48-8 J HBIS (5) 3 09-0 JALOME S Wiles 49-8 D McHolla 4 09-0 MARTELLA M Britan 48-5 K Darley 6 000 CONERSER J Benz 39-0 M Fry
6 809- CONFRISER J Berry 3-9-0 M Fry 8 8409- BANTEL BOWLER Was I Bell 3-8-11 J Catton (7) 9-4 Gillanthone, 5-2 Martalla, 3-1 Conerser, 15-2 Swee German, 10-1 Bantel Bowler, 14-1 Jatome.

4.20 WHITBREAD BEST MILD NOVICE CHASE (£5,033: 3m 1f) (11) DWHITEREAD BEST MRLD NOVICE CHASE (25,033: 30) 11) [11]
P21211 CROSS MASTER (D) (Harrow Bros) T T Bill 8-11-12 R Crank
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0F4630 VALLEY JUSTICE (A Carver) C C Tristine 6-11-3 A Sherpe 9-4 Crose Master, 7-2 Strands of Gold, 9-2 Stearsby 8-1 King Jo 8-1 Royal Jet 10-urampour 12-1 Fudge Delight 20-1 others

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Going: good to soft

2.15 PITMINSTER NOVICE HURDLE (£606: 2m 1f)

2.50 CROWCOMBE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£526: 2m 1f) (19) 7-2 Aston Bank, 4-1 Flori Wonder, 5-1 Gold Hunter, 8-1 Copernico, Corvins, 10-1 Ivanter, 12-1 Marronessa, 14-1 Maid Fast, 16-1 others.

3.25 MITFORD-SLADE HUNTER (Amateurs: £1,056: 3m 1f) (14) 3-1 Baraden, 9-2 Clem, 8-1 Dicky Blob, 8-1 Romulex, Hill Express, 16-1 Splendid Ace, 12-1 Philiain, 14-1 others.

AS MIDDLEWARD RANDRAP (2.1,023: 07) (10)

1 100- MARY MAGUIRE (C-D) IL Chapman 9-10-0 IL Nicholita 6
2 2-02 BAT BAZAAR M W Existerby 4-9-5 M Hindley (3) 5
5 000- FLOMEGAS DAT (2) (D) 8 McKaton 4-9-4 J Hillia (5) 0
7 000- TRADE HIGH (D) 1 Victors 7-8-13 S Webster 8
6 611-0 BLIDS BOY (C-D) Mrs G Reveley 4-8-12 ... E Geast (3) 6
8 000- PEHTOFF (C-D) Mrs G Reveley 4-8-12 ... E Geast (3) 6
10 01-0 YELLOW EEAR (C-D) J Parkes 4-9-8 ... T Parkes (7) 4
2 440- VIA SATELLITE R Simpson 4-9-5 S Whiteverth 1
13 200- IDLE TIMES C Elsay 4-8-4 J Lowe 7
17 400- SHANOUSKA (D) J S Wilson 6-7-9 A Minckey 2
2 1 Rev Bazzer 6-2 Via Satellite 5-1 Mirry Minckey 2 2-1 Bay Bazzar, 5-2 Vis Setolitis, 5-1 Mary Maguire, 75-2 Bubs Boy, 8-1 Tellow Boer, 16-1 Flomegas Day, 12-1 Pentoff, 14-1 others. 4.0 THURLOXTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,903: 2m)

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4 023/	PRETTY HOPEFUL R J Hodges 11-11-7 C Be SIR KEHWIN (C-D) R C Armylage
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11 -FP4	SPANISH GOD (C-C) C L Popher 11-10-6 8 Mci
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21 0102	HOPE GAP (B) E G Holes 10-10-0 George Ke
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24 F-33	DOUCEMENT J & Cobden 18-10-0
	MISS ABWAH (C-D) D D Scott 7-10-0. Mr L Harvey
2-1 8	r Kenwin, 3-1 Scots Nogger, 9-2 Been Mugged, 6-1 Doucement, 10-1 Quite Hot, 12-1 others.
Hope Gap.	6-1 Doucement, 10-1 Quite Hot, 12-1 others.

Taunton selections By Mandarin 2.15 Miss Never Hyde. 2.50 Ivanter. 3.25 Romulex. 4.0 Sir Kenwin. 4.35 Benty Heath. 5.5

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4.35 PITMINSTER NOVICE HURDLE (£611: 2m 1f)

(17)	
1 0010	ROYAL BAIZE (B) (BF) J H Baker
2 61	8-11-13 Mr L Hervey (7)
4 02	CLUGA GURM R J Hodges 5-11-3 C Brown
6	BENTY HEATH M.C. Pipe 5-11-3 P. Richards CLUGA GURM R. J. Hodges 5-11-3 C. Brown FRESHMAN G.L. Williams 7-11-3 Mr. S. Domling (7)
11 -F84	MELLERO MOJUSE (NZ) O H Barons
	0-11-3 NON-RUNNER
13 PUP	OUR DAY (USA) J Thome 0-11-3 L Bicomfield (4) ROWLANDS LAD P J Hopbs 0-11-3 Peter Hobbs
16 P-00	WELSH SPY (8) J P Smith 5-11-3
20 F1P0	WELSH SPY (B) J P Smith 5-11-3
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24 P	GLENN'S SLIPPER MRS E Kennard 5-10-12 P Murphy STORMY KENTREL L Waring 6-16-12. George Keight WHITE PENNY (5) Mise A Lingard
30 UUUP	SIGNANT NEELYNEL L WENNIG 0-10-12 George Angel WHITE DENNY ISL Miss & Lavanni
	8-18-12 Miles V Williams (?)
33 00	BROAD WOOD kins J Wonnacott
•4	4-10-11 O Womecott (7)
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	LAVAIR J H Cobden 4-10-6 C Gray
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5.5 WES	T MONKTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,078:

1	0001	WARNER FOR LEISURE (B) D R Gandolfo
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- 5	2301	ARKRAM R J Hodges 6-11-10 (7ex)
7	bbb	CAPVISTA J L Spearing 11-11-1 P Warner TEN BEARS (8) T M Jones 10-18-12 A Madgarick
15	41F0	ENERGISE C'L Pophen 6-10-15
11	490	GRIMA M Dudgeon 9-10-10
10	9033	ROYAL CASINO J TI Roberts 9-10-0 R Millered
hw	2-1 R	ostra, 7-2 Warner For Lelaura, 4-1 Ring-Lou, 9-1 uno, 6-1 Akram, 10-1 Ten Bears, 12-1 Energisa, 14-1

is returning to his native South Africa. Wessels, aged 28, said be will leave Australia next month to take up 8 public relations job with the University of Port

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Going home Sydney (AP) - Kepler Wessels, the Australian Test cricketer, has confirmed that he

England game gives Irish joy and Turkish delight

Northern Ireland camp when they were drawn to open their European championship challenge with a bome game against England when the dates were announced yesterday. But no doubt their joy was nothing compared to the Turkish delight (not to mention that of Yugoslavia) that the two bome countries will not round off the group with a cosy get-together as they did in the recent World Cup

this summer. Turkey, though they shared the same group then, too, had long since lost interest in that particular climax, but now they nurture

fresh hopes. Yugoslavia, like Romania before them, are the more there still needing points lo seriously threatened party and will have noted with relief that the English and Irish will be done with their domestic disputes by the third match of their five.

David Bowen, secretary of the Northern Ireland FA. said:"This draw could not be better for us. We wanted to start with a home game against England." He added: There were no objections from Turkey, who were unhappy about us playing England in the last match of the World Cup qualifying

Billy Bingham, their manag-er, was also satisfied with the order of fixtures, which close with a game against Turkey at Windsor Park, "It's important Io finish your group at home." he said. He was pleased, 100, that the first match against England on October 15 was a couple of months after the season had begun. No team likes to play a qualifying game out of season when they may

There was happiness in the be rusty, and the Irish have had particular trouble in that respect over the years, most recently when losing to Finland at the start of their World Cup campaign. Bingham will be attempting to qualify for the first time for the final stages of a European championship, this time to be played in West Germany in 1988. Bobby Robson, the England

manager, was more optimistic than Bingham of arranging a friendly in September before their Windsor Park meeting. It was in November at Wembley, amid foreign fears of collusion, that Northern Ireland scored the point they needed to qualify for the World Cup finals in Mexico the Irish. England, who play their suppose at Wembley. the Irish. England, who play their first game at Wembley on November 12 against Yu-goslavia, finish the group away against the same opposition in November next year. Robson observed yesterday that he did not want to go qualify. "We must try and clinch our place before then." he said.

Should England have already qualified by the time they visit eastern Europe it would not be difficult to imagine a scenario in which Yugoslavia's desire is greater than England's. The Yugo-slavs will still have a fixture left, away against Turkey on December 16 — significantly after the Irish have played their final game.

Fixture dates

OCTOBER 15: Northern Ireland v England: Yugoslavia v Turkey. NOVEMBER 12: England v Yugo-slavia: Turkey v Northern Ireland.

Ireland.
APRIL 29: Turkey v England; Northern Ireland v Yugoslavia.
OCTOBER 14: England v Turkey; Yugoslavia v Northern Ireland.
NOVEMBER 11: Yugoslavia v England; Northern Ireland v Turkey.
DECEMBER 16: Turkey v

Ardiles's testimonial has to be postponed

- Tottenham Hotspur have been ordered not to go ahead with their testimonial match for Ossie Ardiles against Rangers at White Hart Lane on April 22. The problem is that the date is 24 hours before the England-Scotland international at Wembley.

police objected to the testimonial on the grounds that it would encourage Scottish supporters to come down early for the inter-national. We will still play Rangers in a testimooial for Ossie, but on a different date."

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Cracking Easter

A Football Association spokesman said: "It should be emphasized that, we and the Scottish Association have pre-viously allowed matches be-tween English and Scottish clubs to take place, but it was fell that

promotion match against Gillingham at the Baseball Ground will be played next Monday, the Football League. has decided. The match has twice been postponed.

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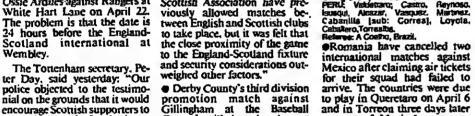
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Outjumping a Grasshopper: Diego Maradona, under pressure from Raimondo Ponte, lets fly during Argentina's tour match against Zurich Grasshoppers on Tuesday evening. Argentina won 1-0.

Brazil win but fail to impress

Peru..

Brazil, down to 10 men after 30 minutes following the dis-missal of Eder, their left winger, started their series of home World Cup warm-up matches with an easy but unconvincing 4-0 victory over a rejuvenated Peru in Sao Luis.

Despite dominating through-out, the Brazilians looked far from impressive and committed similar errors to those that led to defeats against West Germany and Hungary on their recent brief European tour.
Eder was sent off on the half

hour for punching Peru's right-back Castro. But by then Brazil had opened their account through Casagrande, who scored to the twelfth minute from a cross by Socrates, Seven minutes into the second half Casagrande was on hand again, heading home Edson's cross from the right.

But it was only in the later stages that Brazil drove home their advantage. First Alemao scored from the penalty spot after Muller had been brought down from behind by Isusqui. And then Careca, substituting for Casagrande, received a long ball from Alemao in the last minute and beat goedkeeper Valdettaro for Brazif's fourth

goal.

- BRAZE: Victor; Edson, Oscar, Galvao, Branco (sub: Oida), Eizo, Falcao, Socratus
(sub: Alemao), Gaucho (sub: Muller),
Casagrande (sub: Careca), Eder,
PERU: Visidetzaro; Castro, Reynoso,
Issagui, Aleazar, Vasquez,
Cabanilla [sub: Correa], Loyota,
Cabanilla [sub: Correa], Loyota,

Cabatero, Torrezios. Referes: A Coetto, Brazil. •Romania have cancelled two international matches against to play in Queretaro on April 6 and in Torreon three days later as part of Mexico's warm-up programme for the World Cup finals which begin on May 31. Romania did not qualify for the

The Romanians informed the Mexican federation of their decision to withdraw by telex. But a spokesman for the Mexicans yesterday criticised the decision and said that tickets had been sent on time. The two countries are oow attempting to rearrange the games for later this

Jimmy Connors, who was fined £13,400 and banned from

tennis for defaulting in a match

in February, could be playing in

the Beckenham tournament in June — seven days before his suspension expires.

Connors received bis ban

from the Men's International Professional Tennis Council

IMIPTC) two weeks ago for pulling out of a semi-final match

with Ivan Lendl in the Lipton

As Connors has decided not to appeal, he has been ruled out

MIPTC until the start of the

Stella Artois grass court championships at Queen's Club on June 9-15. But, according to John Stickland, chairman of the

Beckenham tournament. Con-nors — who won the event in 1978 — will be able to play at Beckenham because the tour-nament is not an MIPTC event.

BASKETBALL

BRITISH MASTERS: Their elemention round, second legs: Starp Marchesser Unned 76, Bernangier Bullet 76, Bernangiers ent 162, 152 on aggregate, Marchesser Geams 105 (Kenned); 29, Brochings 28, Weisers 105 (Kenned); 29, Brochings 28, Weisers Crystal Palson 121 (Jennungs 45, Seaman 25, Jennung 122, Team Polycell Kungston 130 (Clark 54, Davie 25, Bordrager 22); Kengston 1949 Bernangham in semi-lindis.

BOXING

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nternational in Florida.

Burtenshaw's unhappy start

Sieve Burtenshaw's unhappy start as Arsenal's caretaker manager continued as his side were beaten for the second time.

against relegation-threatened Oxford United Wright, the England centre half, saved Southampton's blushes with the equalizer after Aldridge had given Oxford the lead with his 28th goal of the season.

West Bromwich Albion, the bottom club, took another step

THERO DIVISION: Bristol Rovers 1, Wiger

FOURTH DIVISION: Hartispool O, Soun-thorpe 1; Torquay 1, Exater 2. SCOTTISK PRIST DRVISION: Forler 2, SCOTTISK PRIST DRVISION: Forler 2, SCOTTISH SECOND DRVISION: Queen's Park 2, String Athon 0; St Johnstone 1, Magdowbank 0.

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Cup: Sent-final, second leg:
Famborough 1, Unbridge 2 (Lubridge win
6-3), Present division: Windson and Eston
1. Kingstonian 0. First division:
Borshamwood 3, Susines 5; Chesham 2,
Beasdon 3, Second division north:
Cheshurt 2, Vaushall Motors 1; Kingsbury
1, Sawanage Boro 1, Second division
sortic Met Polica 1, Hungerford 0;
Franchy Harlow 0, Nermos (Norway) 5.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: OPR 3,
Portamough 2, Postpound: Charlton v
Milwail.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leads
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WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: VFB Stuttgert 1, Hamburg SV (II.)

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feel we are abiding by the rules.

Beckenham is not an
MIPTC tournament and has no
points towards the rankings, and

Connors appears to have a genuine interest in participating at Beckenham."

The Beckenham tournament

will have a new title and new sponsors to mark its centenary this year. The event, which began nine years after Wimble-don, in 1886, is to be called 'Direct Line Insurance Tennis at Beckenham' and will carry a

Beckenham' and will carry a prize fund of over £21,000.

The organisers have signed a

three-year agreement with the motor insurance company, which is owned by the Royal Bank of Scotland. This year's event will include a number of

FOOTBALL

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TENNIS

Banned Connors may

play at Beckenham

nors — who won the event in 1978 — will be able to play at Beckenham because the tournament is not an MIPTC event.

Stickland snid: "The rule about his suspension was made quite clear. It is only MIPTC tournaments and Davis Cup matches. If the rules allow him participate.

event will include a number of previous men's singles winners apart from Connors: Tim Mayoue (1985). Steve Denton (1983) and Kevin Currea (1981) and 1982). Two other men's champions — Peter Ferning (1974) and Vijay Amritraj tournaments and Davis Cup matches. If the rules allow him participate.

FOR THE RECORD

the table through goals by Newell, Harford (penalty) and

were beaten for the second time in 24 hours by Watford on Tuesday night.

After going down 2-0 at Highbury on Easter Monday. Arsenal were defeated 3-0 by an injury-hit Watford side, whose goals came from Smillie, Jackett (penalty) and Allen.

Southampton, who face Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-finals on Saturday, did not give their confidence much of a boost by struggling to a 1-1 home draw against relegation-threatened their Humberside rivals, Grimsby, Flounders scoring the

only goal.

In the third division, Wigan consolidated their promotion push with a 1-1 draw at Bristel Rovers. but Hartlepool's chances of escaping from the fourth division virtually disappeared with their 1-0 home defeat by Scantherpe.

Frankfurt (AP) - Dieter Hôness, West Germany's vet-eran forward, has been recalled by the national team for the first time in seven years and will lead their attack in pext week's World Cup warm-up match against Switzerland in Basle.

Honess, the 33-year-old Bayern Munich foward, has only two international caps to date. Both came in May 1979, when he scored three goals in victories over Ireland and Iceland. A towering figure, he scores most of bis goals with powerful beaders. By resuming his partnership with his former club colleague. Karl-Heinz Rummeninge, now with Inter-Milan, Honess will, no doubt, be hoping to enhance his claims of being included in his country's World Cup squad.

SOUAD: U Stein (Hamburg), E immel (Borussia Dormund), K Augustiseler (Bayern Municit), T Berthold (Eintracht Fränkunt), A Brebnes (Kelsenstein), H-P Bnegal (Verora), G Bechanid (Studgart), K-H Forster (Studgart), D Jakobs (Hemburg), K Algóleer (Studgart), R Felligensnyer (Sintracht Frankunt), Filegach (Frankunt), K Hottlington, D Thos (Studges), H Grilladel (Hamburg), D Homess (Bayern Munich), K-H Rummenligge (Inter Milan).

GOLF

Saunders calls circuit

'a disgrace'

Vivien Saunders, who pio-neered the formation of the

European women's tour, yes-terday described this year's WPGA circuit as "an inter-disgrace." Miss Saunders, a professional for 17 years, is

incensed that only seven out of 19 tournaments are being played

on mainland Britain and she believes that this will put the

tour out of reach of many

"Lots of the girls cannot afford to play," said the former British Open champion. "It is an utter disgrace that it should cost them something like £10,000 for the privilege of playing. "Many girls have complained to me, but are too frightened to speak up themselves. I intend outting these

selves. I intend putting these

questions to the executive direc-tor, Colin Snape, at the annual meeting later this month."

Miss Saunders, a solicitor who belped form the tour in 1979, plans playing four events this season: all of them m England. She said: "I will commute to three of them, but n will continue to three of them, but n will continue to the manual fill continue t

still cost me around £1,000.
How can anyone expect these garls, many without sponsors, to travel around the Continent?
Much more emphasis should be

applied to cultivating interest in the home market

"As things stand, the origina

idea that young girls could turn professional and play is being undermined by a Conunental fixation More than half the total 1986 prize fund (£700,000)

will be contested outside Britain This does not include the £60,000-plus British Open.

which is under the control of the

More golf page 32

Ladies Golf Union

Green's choice Lucinda Green will ride Shannagh in next month's Bad-minton horse trials for the Whithread championships The event, from April 17-20 has attracted a top field

members.

Wednesday worry over Hodge

Sheffield Wednesday, who contest an FA Cup semi-final against Everton at Villa Park on Saturday, have injury doubts about their goalkeeper and cap-tain, Martin Hodge, Hodge, who has not missed a match in three years, suffered a back strain during training yesterday before be and his colleagues left for the national sports centre at Lilleshall. Hodge will have treat-ment from the club physiotherapist, Alan Smith.

Hodge, a former Everton player, said:"I think I should be fit. If I were to miss this match it would feel like six years' hard work down the drain. The semi-final will be the highlight of my season and I'm determined not to miss it."

bottom club, took another step towards the second division with their 3-0 defeat by Linua, appeared with their 1-0 home defeat by Linua, defeat by Scuitcharpe.

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The reserve goalkeeper, Hesford, has been placed on standby. Smith, our for the last five games with a foot strain, Chapman (stomach virus) and Shelton (foot injury), should all be fit for the semi-final. Wednesday trained at Lilleshall in 1966 before they beat Chelsea-in the semi-final at Villa Park.

Real Madrid's new manager

Madrid (Reuter) - The for Madrid (Reuter) — The former Dutch, national manager, Leo Beenhakker, will take charge of the Spanish League champions, Real Madrid, according to Ramon Mendoza, president of the Spanish clnb. The appointment was due to be announced yesterday in Milan, where Real played Internazionale in the UEFA Con semi-finals.

Club sources said that Lun-Molowny, who replaced Amancio Amaro as Real's manager last year, would return to his former position as general manager. Real Madrid have already woo the Spanish league

Beenhakker, aged 43, resigned as manager of the Netherlands last week, because his team bad failed to qualify for the World Cup finals in Mexico. He pre-viously managed the Spanish club, Real Zaragoza, from 1981

London Welsh, whose centenary dinner was last night and whose final birthday fixture will be the game against a distinguished President's XV on April 12, will miss next Wednesday's London floodlit sevens at Roehampton. Hopeful of saving their best until last, the Welsh are concentrating on concluding their hundredth year in style. The sevens — which attracts the other nine London mern table chubs together with Cambridge University, last year's winners, Durham University and Esher — have found new sponsors. This twelfth tournament will be held under the banner of Sturgis and Son — the

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England Colts play Wales Youth at Whitland on Saturday with a side showing two changes from that which lost 16-0 to Italy in Rome last month.

roll that which lost from that in Rome last month. Davies (Learnington) comes in at booker and Taylor (Barnet) at flanker. Taylor also takes over the captainty from Glen, the Sudbury strum half.

The Welsh, who defeated laiv 25-16 and Welsh Colleges 33-12, but lost to France 40-12, have brought in Lee Williams on the left wing, Price at hooker and Stephen Williams at flanker, for a match which will be handled by Eoin Doyle, the lrish international referee.

WELSH YOUTH R Jones (Cardiot), A Owen (Bedwest), S Davies (Landle), A Owen (Bedwest), S Davies (Landle), A Chementa (Mortiston), I Rosslands (Abertaf), I George (Neath), E Price (Torthie), I Young (Abertanna, Captain, S Welliams (Blackwood), M Pany (Cardio), A Aleas (Combran), R Webster (Rosymann), R Member (Pennbroke Dock Owns). nament will be held under the banner of Sturgis and Son — the London estate agents whose principal, George Sturgis, was president of Rosslyn Park five years ago, while his son Martin is a vice-president of the club. Cambridge's first match for the Sturgis Trophy will be against Saracens while Durham — where Simon Henderson, the Rosslyn Park captain, was eduwhere Simon Henderson, the Rosslyn Park captain, was educated — will meet Harlequins in their first outing. The final is scheduled for 10.10pm. The President's XV to play London Welsh will be captained by Fitzgerald, the Irish booker and captain of the 1983 Lions. The team is entirely composed of internationals: five English, three Irish, one Scottish, and six Welsh. Among the Welshmen will be Mark Ring, the Cardiff centre who suffered a knee injury so serious at the end of last season that it has kept him out of first-class rugby for nearly a year.

RUGBY UNION

London Welsh put

their big match

before the sevens

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

There is an interesting pairing at lock where two 1983 Lions play together, Norster, of Car-diff and Bainbridge, of Fylde. Neither player was considered for international rugby this sea-

Belated chance for Welsh schools

Andrew Booth, the captain and scrum half, play against Scot-land. Thereafter Wales play England at Otley on April 12. This season has been sadly curtailed for the Welsh schools owing to disruption caused by the teaching dispute. But, as far as representative matches are

the teaching dispute. But, as far as representative matches are concerned, over the last months their administrators have salvaged a large part of the season which now begins with:

18 Group Esso International against Scotland at Neath on Saturday.

This match should have been played in January but was postponed because of Welsh difficulties in raising a side, a problem which also contributed to the cancellation of yesterday's scheduled game against France.

But, several trials have been organised over the last three weeks and selection has been assisted by the Inter-County assisted by the Inter-County competition for under-17s and the fact that there are five survivors from last season's 18

In recent reports of the Na-tional schools seven-a-side rugby lournament, City of Lon-don school was mentioned. This group to Zimbabwe. should have been City of Lon-Four of the quintet, including don Freeman's School.

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ROWING

Focus on Nottingham

part in what could be the biggest ever world rowing champion-ships, at Nottingham from Au-gust 17 to 24 (Jim Railton writes).

Princess Anne, president of the British Olympic Association and patron of the rowing championships is among a num-

Fifteen hundred competitors ber of dignitaries planning to and officials from more than 30 visit the event throughout the countries are expected to take week. One visitor with more than a passing interest will be Juan Autonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee. If Bir-mingham succeeds in its bid to stage the Olympic Games, the Holme and Pierrepont course will be the venue for the 1988

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6.00 Ceefax
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank
Bough and Seina Scott.
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regional news and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.80, 8.30 and 9,00. 7.30, 8.Ju, a. June Nigel Holiday ideas from Nigel Coombs. Glynn Christian on cookery, Richard Smith on health helpline (01 811

9.20 Roland Rat's Easter Extravagenza Lassie to: the rescue again in a cliff drama. 9.45 Why don't you ...? turn the box off 10.15 Jacksmory (r). 10.30
Play School with Sheelach
Gilbey and Ben Thomas (r)
10.50 Cestax News with Richard

Whitmore and Moira Stuart - news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 1.00 Pabble Will at One Tony Britton and Sendra Dickinson, on tour together in The Seven

Year Itch join Paul Cola, Josephine Buchan and Bob Langley. Dr Sherryll Kems Kraizer offers Kems Kraizer offers professional advice to parents on the frightening subject of child abuse, and Hitary James advises on drassmaking, 1.45 Hokey 220 Cokey-2:00 Ceefax.

Racing from Alntree the big build-up to Saturday's Grand National starts today with the 2:35 Whitbreed Gold Label and 3:10 Whitbreed Pale Ale Handless, then switches

3.10 Withread Pale Ale Handicep, then switches to BBC 2.3.25 Ceefax. 3.52 Regional news. 3.55 T.T.V. Alarm bels toli for Scragtag and his essistant Marcus Kimber with Juliet Prague, 4.10 SuperTed and the Robbers (r). 4.15 Jackenory. 4.30 Ulysses 31. Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter Simon Groom reports on Josle, the collie, sniffing out loot for the Lend an Ear Appeal (Ceefax), 5.35 The Flintatones (cartoon)

SC 100 6.00 News. 6.35 London Plus 7.00 Top of the Pops Top of the Pops presented by John Peel and Janica Long
7.30 EastEnders Ali runs into trouble trying to get more work as a minicab driver, nd Sharon plans to find her perfect man. 8.30 Tomorrow's World examines the role of: technology in childbirth. robotic truck which

navigates by laser. 8.30 A Question of Sport the sporting quiz game captained by Bill Beaumont and Emlyn Hughes, Guests Steve Davis, Dava Ottikey, Hywei Davies and Paul Walsh face the questions."

9.00 News with John Humphrys and Frances Coverdals Regions hews and weather 1 Woke up one Morning the story of to 10.00 The Richard Dimbleby Lecture in Industry Year 1986, the Chairman of the ICI, Sir John Harvey-

Jones, argues that we undervalue industry and workers in Britain; he challenges us to abendon old attitudes and adapt to change in his lecture entitled Does Industry Matter? Matter?
10.50 Can you Avoid Cancer?
Dr Michael O'Donnell
tooks at early warning
signs, discusses
prevention of cancer and
debates the need to know

11.15 Late Night in Concert Ricky Skaggs from Kentucky with his band in traditional Bluegrass music; Elvis Costello joins Skaggs for *Don't Get* Above Your Raisin'.
Introduced by Anne Nightingale 11.45 Weather

MA-VT 6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Henry Kelly and Annaka Rica. News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. Weather at 6.28, 6.58, 7.28, 8.28 and 8.58. Sport at 6.35 and 7.34, Cartoon at 7.24. Pop video at 7.54. Postibag at 8.35. 9.00 Wacaday.

ITV 9.25 Themes News followed by

Family 9.45 Ammated Classics Jules Verne's escape story 10.35 The All-Electric Amusement Arcade Bells and the band are doing well until the arrival of singing, dancing, drumming Star Base (r). 11.00 BMX Best

9.00 Coefax 12.30 Open Uni 11.25 Cartoon, 11.30 About . Britisin Looks at a North Yorkshire village: Botton 12.00 The Raggy Dolls in the toy advice from those who have started successful small businesses.

12.55 Caefax factory.

12.10 Puddle Lane Look out it's magic. 12.30 The Sullivans Geoff plans his 1.00 News at One. 1.20

Thernes News. 1.30 Hotel American drama series; British diplomet involved in a tragic drug Rayner is the expert.
3.25 Racing from Aintree
4.35 The Paper Chase series
about American law 2.25 Home Cookery Club: stic. fry squid. 2.30 Daytime the stories behind the news. 3.00 Gerns Covent Garden fashion workshop drama series; Paul and Nicholas

3.30 Sons and Daughters humiliation.
4.00 The Reggy Dolls in the toy shop reject bin (r) 4.10 James the Cat. 4.15 Basil's Joke Machine new series of Basil Brush and the corny gags machine.
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4.45 Supergran:
Supermatch: Chiselton
F.C.v Mighty Hovers (r). recurroances and recognization; at one time 14,000 employees regarded theirs as a job for tife (first shown on BBC West).

6.00 Shar Track Leonard Nimoy

5.15 Thames Sport Brish Moore meets the 1966 Work Cup winning team to relike their victory over West Germany and anticipate the 1986 World Cup. 5.45 News as Mr Spock(r)
8.45 Discovering Birds Tony
Soper, ornshologist,
entituees (r)
7.10 Best of Brane The fourth World Cup. 5.45 News 5.00 Triames News. 6.25 Helpl Snowdon awards for transport or adaption of equipment to help the disabled. Paul Filby, David Reddyhough and lan Dickman. 7.55 Wild Flowers Heather.

6.35 Crossroads Roy has a visit he could do without. Emmerdale Ferm: fear invades the village as an armed criminal is at large 7.30 The A-Lean The White Ballot: Hannibal plans to clean up a crime-ridden community in Wyoming (r).

8.30. The Brothers McGregor New series of sit-com in a Merseyside second-hand maseysue secure and car lot with Paul Barber and Philip Whitchurch as half-brothers and a lady traffic warden (Grasia). 9.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents Newsorles suspense theliers the first sters Martin Shearras'an alcoholic actor losing work

9.30 TV Eye investigates the decision to launch the. gedision to sale with the space shuttle Challenger which killed 7 astronauts. Peter Prepergast asks the NASA team if they ignored vital warnings.

10.30 Kojak: Wall Street
Gunslinger, Hugerobbery
causes our bald hero to
disguise himself as a
Greek millionaire. 11.30 Six Centuries of Verse Sir John Giegud presents Romantic Pioneers of verse in the mid inth century Dame

Peggy Ashcreft reads
Blake. Julian Glover reads Wordsworth and lan Richardson reads the poem Christopher Smart wrote for his cat. wrote for his cat.

12.00 That's Hollywood tooks at male chauvinistic preference for blondes:
Jean Harlow, Alice Paye

Daniel J. Travanti as Ed Minrow: a game of croquet. But even Channel 4.9.30pm

BBC 2

Open University Start up your own Business:

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12.55 Caefax 3.25 Windmill Chris Serie down

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5.25 News with subtitles and

5.30 Requiers for a Relivey

Last week the Swindon .

Peter Brown went to

bitter after massive redundancies and

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and returned later to find the threatened workforce

round features Lewis

Methyr Band, GUS and:
Leyland Vehicles Bands
and soloists Jeff Thomas,

Michael Jordan on a great little survivor in man-made

landscapes -whetherheathland or

gardens heather comes

into its own. (Ceefax). Tenewatch A Man's

illustrate the way history has been written or re-

written by men. Lady Jane

Grey, the Nine Day Queen, now treated romanically in the new feature film of

in the fiew returner ism of her fife and endowed with 2 20th century conscience, was inaminating in the sociently serious by male, politicains, dufing the First

World War two thousand

women held a congress in the Hague discussing initiatives for peace; Mary Ellen Best was a painter of the mid-hineteenth century confined by convention to

domestic subjects and unacknowledged until this

decade. 9.00 Karen Kay Impressions of

9.30 40 Minutes - the series

(Ceefax) 10.10 Pot Black 86 The last

the Fourth Test.

10.35 No

Edith Plat, Dame Edna Everage and Mrs David

Attenborough, song and dance with guest Bob

won the 1986 Bafta Award for Best Factual Series.

Countdown to Today.

newspaper: the planning, recruitment, technology and then the launch.

quarter final. Ray Reerdon and Dennis Taylor.

venight Mark Austin

reports from Trinidad on

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workshops for the Great Western Railway and later British Rail closed down.

MAS attories about races against time go, the 40 Minutes documentary COUNTDOWN TO TODAY (BBC 2, 9.30pm)s not as nerva-tingling as you would expect it to be because we all know that Eddle Shah did succeed in bringing out his new national tabloid on the projected faunch day, March 4. Moreover (with apologies to Miles Kington), you will understand with we, at The Times, will view Ruth Jackson's breathless account of the Shah initiative to beat the clock with only gradging admiration. We have come comparison, was never come through traumatic days conselves, including a weekend move to Wapping that, in comparison, made the launching of Today seem as lessurely as

Channel 4

Hulot was a re-working of

clumsy, affectionate Hulot on visits to his stuffy sister's family in their

surroundings, takes up with his lonely nephew. Off

they go on sweet-eating binges together, gently mocking bourgeois conventions and encountering people pas

preliminary round of the word and numbers game

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4.30 Countdown ruc Whiteley with the last round of

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Modern Times. The

2.30 Film: Mon Oncle (1956) Tati's second film as M.

unflappability of Mr Shah when tempers were snapping all around him as the minutes ticked away and it began to look as if the rose-tinted spectacles that all members of the staff were given to allow them a more optimistic view of their future, would quickly be worn out

 All kinds of male bastions are assaulted on behalf of the opposite sex in tonight's TIMEWATCH (BBC 2, 8.05),1 am surprised that Peter France managed to survive as presenter. Men get the blame for using Lady Jane Grey as a pawn in their power game. It

was men who, intent on bringing the Great War to its bloody conclusion, rejected concerted action by 2,000 women armed at stopping the slaughter without further ado, And it was those men who monopolized the world of fine arts in mid-ninete century Britain who caused Mary Ellen Best to pick up her brushes and palette in an act of

have recently delighted visitors to the Fine Art Society in London. She mastered the now unite to praise her

Peter Davalle

4.05 Bookshelf: Bards and Buckeroos. Christopher Frayling proves that the Great American Cowboy is still alive and well (5) 4.35 Kale-coscope. Last mght s edition, repeated, 5.00 PM; News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 8.00 News; Financial Report 6.30 Brain of Britain 1985 7.00 News

7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? Listeners
can air their views on
subjects raised in last
week's Any Questions?
7.40 Celebration of G.K.
Chesteron by Michael Galaxy Rangers read by Kerry Shale (4)(5) 8.57 Weather, Travel

9.35 Freside Tales. Unexpected stories from the Fens. Phil Smith visits a

the Kaystone Kops (1954)*, Wild comedy set in silent movie era. Abbott and Costello, swindled by a conman, pursue him to Hoflywood where they make good as stuntmen, and meet Mack Sennett before a crazy chase sequence. Union World: last

6.30 programme in the series looks at management buy-outs, in particular The National Freight Company successfully bought by management and workforce in 1982, 7.00 News. 7.50 Comment.

Weather 8.00 Marvin Gaye: Transit Ostend-Filmed in his Belgian retreat shortly before his death two years ago, the soul-singer is caught in reflective mood. 8.30 Club Mix second in the mainly black talent show series, hosted by Baz Barnigboye and Smiley Cultura, with soul, blues,

azz, rap, reggas, poetry , politics and sports within ctub atmosphere. school-leavers ask when they've done a YTS me and there's still no work. The six main. characters in Phil Redmond's series are from Liverpool. :confronting the problems

. of unemployment. wiolence, sexualty, drogs-and even death (Oracle). Frant Murrow Wartine journalist Ed Murrow from London to America, risking life and limb during bombing raids; clambering onto rooftops in the blackout and crossing London in open cars. When he returned to the US after the war he was a pioneer journalist speaking out against the McCerthy witch-hums in his television series.

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Voices Discussion of our economic future: a quarter of a century ago the American thinker Daniel Bell coined the phrase 'the post-industrial society; tonight he debates with economist Emma Rothschild and German trade unionist Ulrich Briefs the new driving force of computer and information technology, the increasing importance of services over goods and the prospect of even greater unemployment. 12.30 Closedown.

Radio 4

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Briefing 5.10 Farming
6.26 Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30,
8.30 News 6.45 Business
News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
7.00, 8.00 News 7.25,
8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for
the Day the Day 8.43 Star Smashers of the

9.00 News 9.05 The Natural History Programme. Nick Davies talks to Sandy Harcourt about the attitudes of African farmers to their

pub in Norwich (f)
10.00 News: Medicine Now.
Geoff Watts on the
feeth of medical care
10.30 Morning Story: Shopping
with Mrs Riley by K.E.
Rowlends: Reader: Judy
Bennett

10.45 An Act of Worship (s) 11.00 News: Travel: Tales from Paradise. Juna Knox-Mawer with stones of the British who went to the South Pacific as trators (2) Flying the Flag (r)(s)

11.48 Thought for Food. Bob
Symes in search of traditional European

dishes.Today, the Cornish pastie Comish passe
12.00 News: Prophets,
Charlaters, Little
Gurus, and Peggy Duff (r)
12.27 Film Star, Alexander
Walker outlines the

Weather 1.00 The World at One; News 1.40 The Archers, 1.55 2.00 News, Woman'e Hour.

mitten in stone. S.00 News; The Atternoon Pay, Twister by Ronald Frame, with Pippa Guard and Barry Morse, Drama, set in Hollywood. (s)

quiet defiance and go off to paint those amazingly detailed scenes of domestic life that

photographic art before anyone started to use a camera, and it is small wonder that social historians and art lovers

Chesterion by Michael
Finch, with Hugh Burden (s)
6.40 Miss Dorothee's Artificial
Soprano, Roy Johnson
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Perfect Spy written and read by John le Carre (14) 10.29 Weather 10.30 The World Toright. With Tim Llewellyn 11.15 The Financial World Tomight
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Gospel is the most
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5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel
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Orchestra. Act one. Act two
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interval talk
3.25 Cricket: First day of the
Fourth Test in Trinidad.
Unbt 5.35 on medium wave
6.30 Bandstand: Band of HM
Royal Marines School of
Music. Russell (A Life on the
Ocean Wave), Knox (Sea
Songs), Wiggins (Big Sky
Country) 7.00 A Paradise out of a Common Field: Victorian gardeners Dr Joan Morgan

Poulenc (Concerto in G minor for organ, tempeni, strings). 8.00 News 8.05 Concert (contd): Methal

9.05 This Week's Composer:

Mozart Ensemble)
10.00 Robert Mayer Concert
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(under Cleobury), with
Stephen Hough, piano.
Wagner (Mastersingers
prelude), Liszt (Piano
Concerto No 1), Ligeti
(Atmosphares).

(Atmospheres), Hindemith (Turnandot

von Weber)
11.15 Raft: Academy of st
Marun-in-the-Fields
plays Octet in C major, Op

11.40 Six Continents;foreign

radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC 12.00 BBC Welsh SO (under

scherzo: March, Symphonic metamorphos of themes by Carl Maria

Owain Arwel Hughes).
Shostakovich (Symphony No.
10)... 1.00 News
Schubert: Hans
Leygraffpiano), Sonata in
B flat, D 960

Valdes conducts the Lausanne Chamber Orchestra. Act one. Act two

B flat, D 960

1.45 The Barber of Seville:
Rossnri's two-act opera.
Sung in Italian With Alnaldi
(title role), Yachmi,
Bacquier, Aler, Surian,
Barscha and Brodard.

Mozart, March in D. K445; Divertimento in I 334; played by Vienna

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No 1), Pavel (Piano
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8.25 Rose-coloured Teacups: Anna Massey reads the short story by A S Byatt

8.40 Concert (contd): 8.40 Concer (conto):
Vaughan Williams
(Symphony No 6)

9.25 The Georgics: Virgil's
poem read by John
Franklyn-Robbins (1)

10.00 Music in our Time: BBC
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10.55 Mozert: Melos Quartet of Stuttgart, Quartet in D minor, K 421; and Quintet A major, K 581, with Julia A (region, A sar, war stars Rayson, clarinet 11.57 News, 12.00 Closedown VHF only: 4.10 British Youth Orchestras (Guildhell Symphonic Wind Band). Works by Bernard

Stevens (East and West overtur Mitnei (Concerto for Symphoric Wind Band), Copland (El Salon Mexico): 4.55 News. 5.00

Radio 2

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News on the hour. Headlines
5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. Cricket:
Fourth Test. West Indies T
England at 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02,
4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only).
8.02, 9.02, 9.55, 11.02. 4.00am Colin Berry (s) 6.00 Ray Moore (s) 8.05 Ken Bruce (s) 10.30 Jimmy Young mel food information from Tony De Angeli (s) 1.05pm Vince Hill (s) 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (s) 3.30 Music All The Way incl Racing from Liverpool: 3.45 £12.000 The Whitbread Trophy Handicao Chase (2m 6f)
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presents Round Midnight (stereo
from midnight) 1.00am Charles
Nove presents Nightride (s) 3.004.00 A Little Night Music (s).

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morning. Gatting decided re-

luctantly that it would be

wrong for him to play. Even

against the medium pace of Gooch and Slack it jarred

painfully, and the pitch for

today still looked menacingly grassy. In Gatting's absence. Smith has been included in

the England squad, in case it

is decided to play an extra batsman at the expense of a

howler. Botham hangs on to

his place, but not before there

had been some discussion as

man, they are a good deal fitter than England, Their

determination to stay at the

tnp is exemplified by Rich-

ards, who trains as hard now

as he ever did. None of his

side would dare not follow his

any of them.

The West Indians, for their

to whether he should.

There being no way of have a record sequence to play made hundreds in the last two calling the series off on hu- for. That is incentive enough, Tests after England had lost manitarian grounds, the without Richards's ambition fourth Test match between England and West Indies. to be remembered for having been as successful a captain as Clive Lloyd. There is also ficree competition to fill the sponsored by Cable and Wireless, starts here today. The rest fast bowling places in the West Indian side. To be in possesday is not until Monday, and the odds must be against the game still being alive by then. sion of one of them is a sure The pitch at the Queen's way to a good life and a prosperous living, and Holding's will be vacant after Park Oval is normally at its best for batting at this time of year, and when Australia lost next week's final Test match. Patierson knows already that the first three tests of their last life is tough at the top: in spite of having taken 15 wickets in series against Australia, they then drew the fourth and won only 70 overs in the first three the fifth. But I am elutching at straws: for Australia turned

the tables only because the pitches at Melbourne and one-day side on Monday. The crowd that day of nearly 22,000 was being seen Sydney were entirely unsuited in yesterday's Trinidad Guardian as having "demonto the West Indian fast After giving his injured thumb a long net yesterday

Tests, he was left out of the

The squads

WEST INDIES (from): "I V A Richards, C G Greenidge, D I Haynes, R B Richardson, H A Gomes, †P J Dujon, M D Marshall, R A Harper, M A Holding, J Garner, B P Patterson, C A Walsh.

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strated their loyalty to the heroic West Indian team and their love of the game itself as much as their refusal to be swayed by rabble-rousers and people with a distorted vision

of reality."

For the moment, at any rate, the anti-apartheid dempart, show no signs of tiring of their supremacy, which is one of the reasons why, man for onstrators are a long way in arrears. But that was a one day game on Monday, with the onc-day series still undecided. Interest in the Tests has been badly affected. I am afraid, by England's wretched form.
A great many West Indians

lead. Even at age of 34, he is would like now to see England their best all-round fielder win, or at least put up a better with the strongest throw of show, and it should be some By winning again and makencouragement that when we ing it nine victories in a row against England. West Indies were here five years ago, against England. West Indies

Tests after England had lost the first two. What had not hit that side though, despite their evacuation from Guyana and Ken Barrington's death, was the sense of submission that is lurking now. England's fielding practice yesterday, with the catches being hit by Willis, would hardly have done for a village side, and certainly not for a prep school.

If England do fail again, without making a fight of it, some heads will have to roll, one of which could be Botham's. In the series so far he has taken four wickets at 53 runs apiece and averaged 13 with the bat, and he goes into today's match, as he did the third Test, with his lifestyle being questioned, this time by his manager, or agent, or whatever he is, a ludicrous-looking figure whose arrival is

imminent.

Drugs are at the bottom of it again, which reminds me of a dig which Gower had at the pitch for today. Picking a leaf of one of several weeds show-ing in it yesterday, he asked me whether I thought it was being grown for smoking. Morale may be pretty low, but they have not altogether lost their sense of humour.

Tomlins signs

Gloucestershire, who finished third in last season's county championship, have signed the former Middlesex batsman Keith Tomlins, aged 28, on a two-year contract.

Jarvis fit

Paul Jarvis, Yorkshire's most successful bowler last summer, who had to return early from his winter contract in South Africa because of back trouble, reported fully fit when the club's players resumed training for the new season at Headingley.

he is here to try and earn the



Uphill struggle: Kim Andersen, of Denmark, on his way to victory in the Paris-Camembert cycling race

GOLF: CONCENTRATION THE KEY TO WINNING A PLACE AT THE MASTERS

Faldo looks for encouragement | Leng and the winding road

winner.

The dogwoods are blooming at Forest Oaks, where the greater Greensboro Open starts today, as they are at Augusta, scene of the US Nicklaus and Tom Watson.

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The run-up to next month's schooling, so Mrs Leng is making the ooe and a quarter what I have to do this week but if I don't make Augusta then I'm not going to let it get man of the selectors, "the man of the selectors, "t Masters next week, but trying to draw another similarity between the two events is like seeking a comparison between the university match and Henley.

For the Greater Greensboro Open is an excuse for spectators to enjoy a monumental hinge whereas the US Masters. of course, unfolds amidst a and Michelobs.

Nicklaus and Tom Watson. Nicklaus and Watson have long since decided that early practice at Augusta is preferable to competing at Forest Oaks. It is hardly surprising as the Greater Greensboro Open is mostly referred to as the "Beer Can Open" with specta-tors competing with each oth-er to drink more Budweisers

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brigade England could wear an unfamiliar sky blue strip in the

World Cup finals in Mexico. The red change shirts worn by Bobby Moore and company when they won the Jules Rimet trophy in 1966 are considered too dark for the heat of Mexico. The blue shirt and shorts have been officially registered

The light

as England's second colours because they will keep players cooler in temperatures which are expected to exceed 90 degrees Fahrenheit. The kit manufacturers. Umbro. will use the synthetic material they experimented with last

Rule waived

The International Skating Federation has waived the rule barring amateurs and professionals competing together to allow the sport's top stars to help raise funds for Sports Aid, a joint venture between Boh Geldof's 'Band Aid' and UNICEF.

Grand entry

Riders from eight countries will be among the 60 entries in the 31st Wincanton Wheels international cycling grand prix at Beaconsfield on Sunday.

last remaining Masters place "I've been working on the new swing now for 10 months which is reserved for the and I'm convinced I'm getting For Faldo to succeed in this there. My next step is 10 bier keller environment is decide what to do this year. If I asking a lot even though he don't win here and get into has played well here in the Augusta, then I'll go home for past. True, he was third in one week. My plan is to come New Orleans two weeks ago. back for three more tournabut his form in general over ments, then make a decision the last two years has lacked on whether to play more here or in Europe. With so much at stake it

Faldo knows he must turn would hardly seem the opti-mum time for Faldo's concenhis career round now that Sandy Lyle has earned the tration to be examined, as the lion's share of the 'fat' offers very merry fans rock in the which come the way of British aisles, but in some respects it might be exactly what he

Lyle, perhaps, might have needs.
"I like the course, it's more been better employed this week joining Ballesteros. Nicklaus and Watson practis-British than most in the States, but I wouldn't mind if it blew a little harder and ing at Augusta,

SPORT IN BRIEF

Car unveiled

Britain's Martin Brundle,

will have a new car for the remainder of this year's For-mula One world champion-ship. Brundle and his French team-mate Philippe Strieff were at yesterday's Silverstone

unveiling of the Data General Tyrrelt Renault 015, which

can reach a speed of 200mph

and will be used for the first

time in the Spanish Grand Prix at Jerez on April 13.

Heavily backed

Ireland's three-man golf team.

led by a slimmer Christy

O'Connor junior, start as clear

favourites in the Dunhill Cup qualifying tournament at Nimes, France, today, O Connor teed off

two stones lighter following a diet, "Hungry golfers make the best ones." he quipped.

EQUESTRIANISM

By Jenny MacArthur

most difficult one ever bea day. cause of Australia's stringent quarantine restrictions.

But Virginia Leng, the reigning European three-day event champion, and three others of the seven bound for Australia have an additional worry. They are all competing at Badminton on a second horse in a fortnight's time, just five days before flying out to Australia. In Mrs Leng's case the second horse is the brilliant Night Cap who finished third at Badminton last year.

Mrs Leng has driven more than 1.000 miles in the 10 days since her world championship horse, Priceless, went into quarantine at Wylye, Wiltshire. Night Cap is still based at her home in Gloucestershire along with four other horses which need daily

Don bows out

Adelaide - Sir Donald

Bradman. Australia's most

famous cricketer, announced

vesterday that be was severing

his last official ties with the

Rugby debate

Two important submissions were being considered last night

by the Rugby League management comminee. A London-

based consortium put forward proposals for the purchase of Fulham which would allow the

second division club to commu

its fixtures this season. The

England shine

England's Under-18 and Un-der-16 teams struggled against

Wales, then found their their

touch against Scotland in the

home countries' schoolbovs'

football tournament at

Cateshead will stage the final

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Masters final

move for a super league was also

Night Cap has a final pre-Badminton outing at Brockenhurst this weekend, but Mrs Leng said yesterday that she was concerned that Priceless had taken part in only one event, Aldon, since winning the European championships last September. The length of quarantine for Australia (four weeks in Britain then two more on Torrens Island off Australia) and the cancellation of Crookham, the first horse trials of the season, had severely curtailed her preparations.

The other three riders preparing horses for Badminton - lan Stark (Glenburnie and Sir Wattie), Lorna Clarke (Glentrool) and Anne-Marie Taylor (Jimney Cricket) have their horses based near

job outside horses, has been driving the 200 miles to work from Wylye every day to oversee his newly formed company, Petprotect. Grif-fiths, who like Miss Taylor and Mandy Orchard is competing in his first championships, will ride Hullabaloo in Australia, a nine-year-old who like Miss Orchard's Venture Busby has had just one outing, a novice event last month, since last year's European championships.

Most of the riders, including

Clarissa Strachan who is competing in her fifth official championships, are likely to take up the option of competing in an event in Australia which takes place two days after quarantine ends. The horses will be flown out on April 20;

Clark is about to face her moment of truth

BADMINTON

From Richard Eaton, Uppsala, Sweden

game he has dominated as a Gillian Clark, aiming to win player and administrator for the European doubles title with a different partner for the the past 59 years. "The Don", aged 77, will retire at the end third successive year, knows of June from his positions as trustee of the South Australian her playing future may hinge on what happens here over the Cricket Association and memnext three days. ber of its ground and finance

Clark, aged 24, partnered by Gillian Gowers, opened the defence of her title with an emphatic 15-2. 15-4 victory over ireland's Elaine Doyle and Iceland's Kristin Kristjiansdottir But far more important than the results, or perhaps even retaining the title, will be the condition of the champion's knee at the end of the week

The knee is now elaborately swathed in bandages after Clark's third bad injury in three years The trouble first occurred in the English Masters tournament in 1983 returned next yearn the Uber Cup in Kuala Lumpur and recurred again in Taiwan in Januars

Clark has now restricted the movement she originally used to perform round-the-head shots — which caused the original accident — and is having to make a number of other adjustments in order to survive "In the last two months I have also had to of the British Masters basketball | alter the way I lunge for the tournament next Wednesday | shuttle "she said "And I have

to do all sorts of work and preparations before I can even begin the training other players take for granted.".

She has been encouraged by a promise from Jake Downey, the England manager, that if she is moving satisfactorily she will be included in the Uber Cup squad which leaves for Jakaria on April 16. It will be a great tribute to her of the be a great tribute to her if she makes the trip.

Clark was not however, risked in the side for the European team final against old rivals Denmark last night Downey preferred Karen Beckman and Sara Halsall hut the other European doubles champion Marun Dew

was included He arrived from Copenhagen on Tuesday night and, partnered by Dipak Tailor opened in the individual event with a 15-1 15-2 win against the Hungarians. (saha Kiss and Gabor Petrovits Later the pair learned they were on course for a contest with Jesper Helledie and Steen

Fladberg, the former world champions that is likely to have a crucial bearing of. whether England can hang on to their title against Denmark in what would be the seventh meeting between the two in

AMERICA'S CUP DIARY

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Canada's French Kiss of death

Don Green, chairman of the Canadian Tree North syndi-cate, has called a balt to his group's America's Cup pro-gramme after they ran out of funds last week.

Green, who has donated \$3m out of his own pocket says that the syndicate, one of two challenging from Canada needs a further \$5m to complete construction of a second boat and return to Perth for the challenge trials, and has given the team 30 days to garner support from corporate

The Canadian funding programme was not helped by the lack-hostre performance of the syndicate's first boat, True North at the recent 12-metre world championship — a problem heightened later by the resignation of the helmsman, Hans Fogh

The former Olympic gold medallist, who took over at the helm half-way through the world series, transforming the yacht's performance, left the team after they had been beaten 7-0 by the Mark Pajot-skippered French Kiss in a series of informal match races. complaining of a conflict over strategy between himself and his skippe, Jeff Boyd.

"What the boat lacks is speed. We need to make orgent changes to the hull but nstead of making the alterations here in Fremantie, it was decided to skip the boat back to Nova Scotia. That means three valuable months when we should be tuning up against other syndicates and it inst won't work." Fogh told me somewhat prophetically a few

Another group facing delays is the American west coast syndicate representing the St Francis Yacht Club headed by Tom Blackaller. Their new yacht, USA, designed by Gary Mull did not measure up as a 12 metre when buiched in February and work continues to rectify the design.

Here in Britain, the recent trial of strength competition to find a number of Frank Brano lookalikes to toil over the powerful coffee grinder winch-es on the two British 12-metres, has led to two new crew members flying out to Perth to join Harold Cudmore's squad.

Sean Campbell, aged 30, from Arnold, Nottinghamrower and is joined on the flight next week by Paul Rushent, from Maidenhead, a 23-year old, oft 2in rowing and rugby enthusiast, weighing more than 17 stones.

Mark Higgins, the 6ft 9in power lifter and discus thrower from Birmingham who tops the scales at 211/2 stones and dwarfed all 20 of the original contestants in both strength and stature, plans to join the team in June in time to work up on the second 12 metre, a 79-ft David Hollom design now nearing completion at

Cudmore, who is due to take the crew out for a first test sail on Crusader — the first of Britain's two 12-metres — on Saturday said in Fremantle that he was confident that the inclusion of non-sailers in the team would pose no significant problems. This, however, was not the case with a similar experiment carried out recent-ly by the New Zealand syndi-cate. Their efforts to scour their country for muscle-bound powerhouses came to nought when it was found all of them suffered from seasickness.

races off Fremantle between the challengers for Australia's defence proved a success for Kevin Parry's Task Force syndicate. Kookaburra II, with Britain's Lawrie Smith acting as guest helmsman, scored 14 wins against 12 gained by Alan Bond's world championship winning Australia III. Australia II, the yacht that won the America's Cup in 1983 won 10 of the races and South Australia gained eight

News this week that work has started on a fourth 12metre for Dennis Connor's Sail America syndicate set off a spate of announcements from elsewhere in the world-The New Zenlanders have set a launch date of June 26 for their third boat. The American

Eagle syndicate who launch their first boat on Saturday plan to build another Valentijn design immediately and the Alan Bond and Levin Parry Austalian syndicates are vying for tank-testing time at the ship model basin in The etherlands to test the final lines for Australia IV and Kookaburra III -

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